

Appendix 4 – Carbon Impact Assessment

Will the decision/proposal impact...	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across Rotherham as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
<b>Emissions from non-domestic buildings?</b>	N/A				
<b>Emissions from transport?</b>	Slight increase in emissions	Slight increase in terms of car use for staff getting to the home/ their place of work and transporting children.		Active travel/public transport will be promoted where possible.	Council officer travel is included with the Council's Net Zero 2030 greenhouse gas emissions accounting.
<b>Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?</b>	Impact unknown	Potential slight increase in domestic refuse from the Council owned children's homes.	Potential slight increase in domestic waste if bringing additional children into Rotherham; unknown at this time.	Each home will have access to recycling bins.	Not possible to monitor.
<b>Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?</b>	Impact unknown	Potential increase in emissions from housing if additional placements are provided and additional children are brought into Rotherham; unknown at this time.		For new residential homes, any replacements required (e.g. heating) will be future-proofed for triple-A rating. Fitting new energy efficient boiler systems can be considered as part of property refurbishment	Monitor through energy usage for the new homes

Emissions from construction and/or development?	Increase in emissions	Emissions associated with renovating new residential homes.	Minimal increase relative to overall emissions from construction across Rotherham.		
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	Impact unknown			Attempts will be made to maximise planting trees on any new residential homes; feasibility to be determined	
Identify any emission impacts associated with this decision that have not been covered by the above fields: N/A					

Please provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

The Looked After Children and Care Leavers Sufficiency Strategy sets out how Rotherham Children and Young People's Services will fulfil its role as a Corporate Parent and meet its statutory sufficiency duty by providing good quality care, effective parenting and support to children and young people in and leaving care.

It describes the principles that are applied when seeking to commission the provision of secure, safe and appropriate accommodation and support, to children in care and care leavers over the next three years.

The Strategy provides the underpinning needs analysis that will inform market management, seeking to ensure that there is the right mix of provision available to meet the needs of children and young people and that this provision mix provides positive outcomes and value for money.

The carbon impacts from this strategy update are as follows:

- Transport: the development of residential settings is a priority within the strategy, this means there will be some low-level impact in terms of car use for staff getting to the home/ their place of work and transporting children. This is monitored through the council's greenhouse gas accounting. In order to monitor and mitigate the impact the distances travelled will be monitored and the settings will begin to have access electric vehicles with public transport and active travel promoted. Overall transport impact may be reduced due to the potential for less young people to be placed outside of Rotherham
- Waste: There will also be a potential slight increase in refuse from the individual homes as they support children and staff. All homes will have recycling bins and waste is not anticipated to be more than a regular family home.

- Domestic buildings: emissions may rise if additional placements are provided – these may be mitigated with energy efficiency measures.
- Construction and development: increase in emissions from renovating new residential homes.
- Carbon capture and storage: unknown impact – attempts will be made to maximise tree planting where possible.

Supporting information:	
<b>Completed by: (Name, title, and service area/directorate).</b>	Mark Cummins CYPS Transformation Lead
<b>Please outline any research, data, or information used to complete this [form].</b>	
<b>If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.</b>	
<b>Tracking [to be completed by Policy Support / Climate Champions]</b>	CIA339 Katie Rockett, Climate Change Officer