

Appendix 5 – 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>	Reduces emissions	N/A	Provision of grants to help businesses reduce energy consumption should support the reduction of borough-wide emissions.	N/A	The feasibility of evaluating the impact of grants on emission reductions will be explored.
<b>Emissions from transport?</b>	Increases emissions	N/A	<p>Projects delivering events in the town centre and throughout the borough have the potential to increase emissions from transport as more people may use private transport to visit or make journeys within the borough.</p> <p>Depending on how they are delivered, activities in some of the other funding streams may also generate smaller amounts of transport-related emissions, for example: provision of courses; cost of living support sessions; equalities networks and business events.</p>	Events are not all concentrated in the town centre, with many taking place in local communities, which should reduce travel. The town centre is accessible by public transport for many people. Residents living in and around the town centre may be able to walk (or cycle) to events unless they have restricted mobility.	Development of carbon footprinting work for large scale council events is ongoing.
<b>Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?</b>	Increase in emissions	N/A	A small increase in waste and therefore emissions would be expected as a result of increased events.	It is recommended that waste management is considered as part of any events undertaken.	Assessment would be factored into the waste contractor's emissions

					calculations and unless collected by the Council would be recorded in the borough calculations.
<b>Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?</b>	No impact on emissions				
<b>Emissions from construction and/or development?</b>	Increases emissions	The funding is contributing to a planned capital scheme to create a multi-use game area. There will be an increase in emissions by the contractors during construction and development.	Funding allocated to businesses bringing empty shop units back into use may increase borough-wide emissions from construction, through emissions associated with shopfitting.	There is no planned direct mitigation, although the impact is expected to be minimal.	N/A
<b>Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?</b>	No impact on emissions				

Identify any emission impacts associated with this decision that have not been covered by the above fields:

Further developing and enhancing the approach to social value within the Council and across partner organisations has the potential to decrease emissions by increasing local spend and encouraging local supply through anchor organisations' procurement activity.

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

In the 2025/26 UKSPF programme, projects will continue to help Rotherham businesses to start up and grow, develop the skills our residents need to get a good job and progress in their careers, and provide targeted support to local communities in the face of cost of living and other pressures.

Activity under the programme which could contribute towards a potential increase in emissions includes:

- Non-domestic emissions: grants to support businesses to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions.
- Transport: the programme of cultural events, which aims to increase visitor numbers to the town centre, potentially increasing emissions linked to travel. Smaller scale activities and events involved in other proposals may also increase emissions.
- Waste: the programme of cultural events, which aims to increase visitor numbers to the town centre.
- Construction and development: there is also one capital construction scheme that will produce emissions. There is limited mitigation for this, but impact is expected to be low.

**Supporting information:**

<b>Completed by: (Name, title, and service area/directorate).</b>	Michael Holmes, Strategy and Policy Officer Policy, Performance and Intelligence, Assistant Chief Executive's Directorate
<b>Please outline any research, data, or information used to complete this [form].</b>	N/A
<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>	N/A
<b>Tracking [to be completed by Policy Support / Climate Champions]</b>	Tracking reference: CIA424 Katie Rockett, Climate Change Officer