

Appendix 3 Climate Impact Assessment - *The Cultural Strategy*

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 the Borough as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	Increase	Additional activities within communities have the potential to generate the requirement to open facilities for longer hours	The impact will be minimal as many of the buildings utilised will already host other sessions/ activities. However, there may be circumstances where increasing the opening hours is required.	Care can be taken to ensure buildings are only heated and lit for the times specifically required to deliver the activity.	Monitor timings heating and lighting is utilised.
Emissions from transport?	Increase	Additional activities within communities have the potential to generate increased traffic from those wishing to attend activities.	The impact will be minimal as we only envisage a small number of vehicles per week would be used to transport participants to activities.	Deliver activities within a local area. Promote active travel measures such as cycling and walking to activities	Potential to monitor the number of cars used to transport participants to and from venues/ activities.
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	Unknown	Additional events and activities will likely produce more waste, however quantities and therefore impact is unknown.	The same applies to Borough-wide waste emissions; however the scale of this impact is likely to be small.	Guidance is now available for events relating to waste management and use of single use plastics which can be shared with supply chains.	Monitored through existing waste emissions calculations.
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None	NA	NA	NA	NA

Emissions from construction and/or development?	Increase	Some construction work has taken place to improve facilities such as play, country parks and general cultural venues.	Generally very limited. The larger construction sites at RVCP have transport, spoil and building work impact.	The Council's tender process has been used where appropriate and included in the evaluations are an environmental impact assessment.	The Council is currently considering its approach to monitoring scope 3 emissions.
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None	NA	NA	NA	NA

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

Activity, events and increased provision will lead to the some catering and use of paper associated with food items/ lunches etc. Single use plastics have been drastically reduced over recent times in favour of items such as paper straws and wooden forks, paper cups instead of plastic, however plastic drinks bottles are still used at most events and venues. Event catering also use petrol generators so there will be some associated emissions. Guidance has recently been produced to support events and those involved with reducing emissions and this can be used moving forward.

There may also be cultural opportunities to raise awareness and encourage action as demonstrated through the Children's Capital of Culture "World Beneath Our Feet" theme.

Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the Borough to adapt to climate change?

The delivery of a cultural programme as a result of a new strategy will need to take into account the changing climate. The paper also references a Strategic Green Infrastructure Partnership, with reference to improve engagement in this sector. The success of this in future iterations of the Strategy will link with climate resilience, improving the Borough's ability to deal with climate impacts in the future through access to good quality greenspaces and the environmental services they provide.

Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

- Use of the Council's tender process
- Following Event guidance on use of single plastics/ throw away packaging
- Buildings operated as economically as possible- heating/ lighting

- Additional measures in place to support energy consumption- i.e. new solar PV system installed at Rotherham Leisure Complex
- Transport to “Go- see” visits in Children’s Capital of Culture scheme done via group coach or mini bus and not individual cars.
- Delivery of activities at a local level to avoid travelling to venues via vehicle.
- Encouragement of active travel and public transport when travelling to/ from venues/ work place.

Supporting information:	
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Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the Cultural Strategy progress to identify what activities, projects and events have been delivered to date. • Knowledge of event provider’s Event Management Plans and associated catering documentation as submitted to the Events Safety Advisory Group. • Knowledge and reading of the wider national trends in catering provision at events and in food outlets.
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.	N/A
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