



South
Lanarkshire
**Good
Food**
Strategy
2020-2025

The graphic features a large white plate with a green rim. Inside the plate, the title "South Lanarkshire Good Food Strategy 2020-2025" is displayed. A silver fork is positioned diagonally across the bottom of the plate. The background is a warm orange-yellow gradient, decorated with various food-related icons: a carrot, a tomato, a fish, a whisk, a chef's hat, a cow, a strawberry, a cheese wedge, and a sheep. At the bottom right, there is a circular icon representing sustainability, showing a person, a leaf, and a gear.

Performance Report

Quarter 4 : 2021/22 - April to March

**Sustainable
South Lanarkshire**

What are the objectives of the Good Food Strategy?

There are 12 objectives categorised into six themes.

Good Food at Home and in the Community

1. Support individuals, families and communities in strengthening Good Food culture, in particular in relation to health and wellbeing, in developing interest and skills for food, including food growing and cooking. Promoting Good Food during pregnancy, childhood and old age is a priority.
2. By working with existing community food initiatives and partners, help reducing food insecurity and poverty by building the resilience of individuals and families and preventing crisis. If emergency support is needed, encourage dignified and respectful responses.



Good Food in the Public Sector

3. Ensure that the council prepares, serves and promotes enjoyable, healthy, and sustainable food in council properties and schools by seeking to meet the Soil Association Food for Life standards as appropriate.
4. Engage with partners and the private sector to explore and research opportunities to improve public procurement of food, including in relation to the provision of local food.



Good Food Economy

5. Support the development of safe, healthy and affordable local retail and catering food environments.
6. Encourage the development of a thriving and sustainable local food economy that is fair and inclusive, and contributes to the creation of decent and skilled jobs in the food sector.



Good Food Growing

7. Increase the provision of high quality food growing opportunities.
8. Engage with partners and local food growing initiatives to promote and support sustainable food growing.



Good Food for the Environment

9. Reduce food waste and food packaging in the public sector and support the community and the private sector to do so, redistribute food surplus and support food composting.
10. Connect with the community, partners and the private sector to reduce the impacts of the food system on the environment and its contribution to climate change and promote animal welfare.



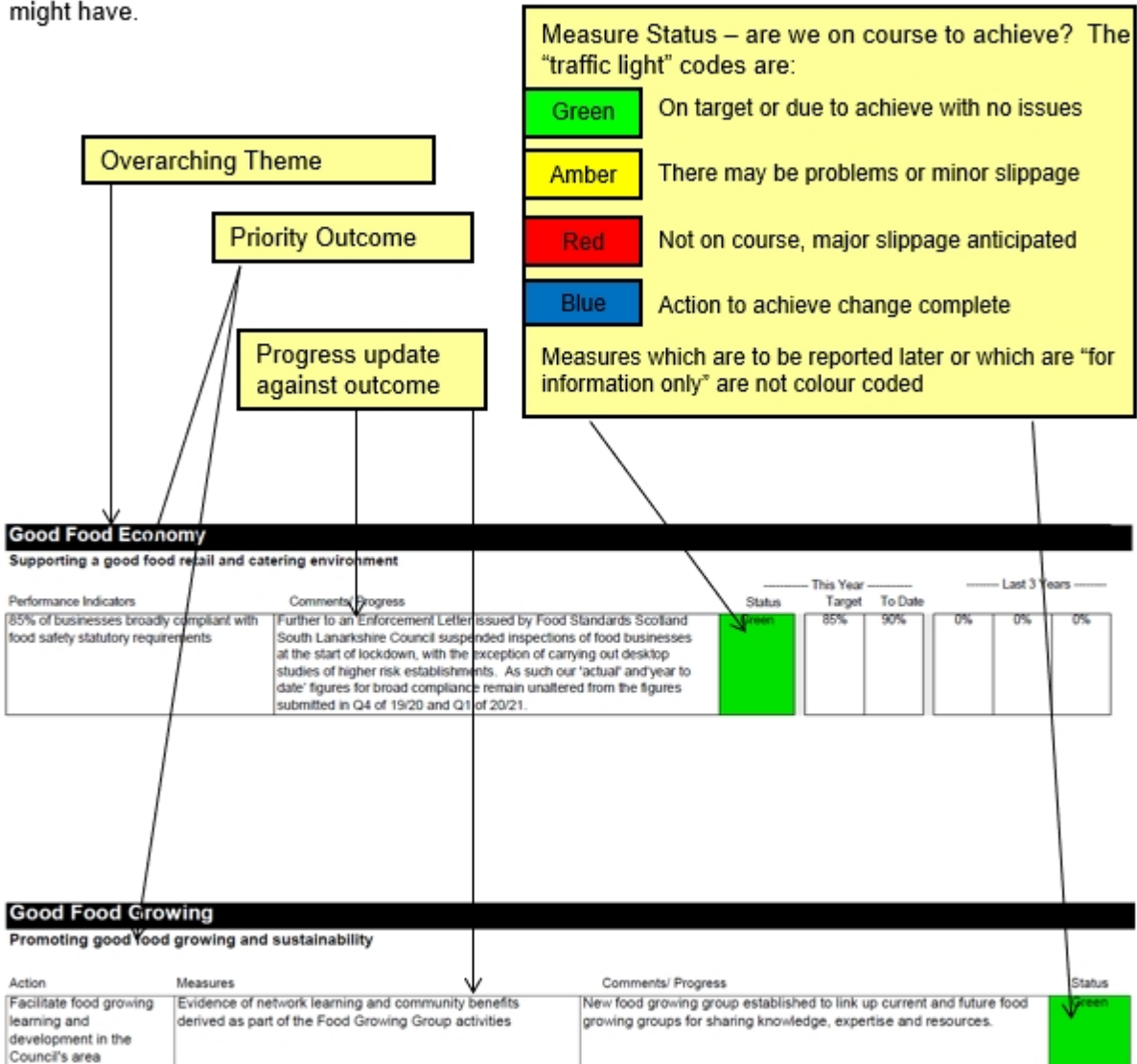
Good Food Governance

11. Engage with, build on and support the various local food initiatives and encourage collaboration and partnership.
12. Ensure that healthy, sustainable, fair food is embedded in local policies, increase policy coherence and guarantee that food has a high profile across the council by connecting with partners.



How to use this performance report

This performance report is intended to be both informative and easy to use. The guide below is designed to help you get the most out of the report and to answer the most common questions you might have.





Summary (Section 1) - number of Quantitative Measures green, amber and red under each Good Food Strategy objective

Theme	Green	Amber	Red	Report later / Contextual	Total
Good Food at Home and in the Community				3	3
Good Food Economy	1				1
Good Food for the Environment	4		2	1	7
<i>Good Food Governance</i>					
Good Food Growing	4	1			5
Good Food in the Public Sector	1			4	5
Total	10	1	2	8	21

Summary (Section 2) - number of Project Measures complete, green, amber and red under each Good Food Strategy objective

Theme	Complete	Green	Amber	Red	Report later	Total
Good Food at Home and in the Community	1	9				10
Good Food in the Public Sector	2	3		1		6
Good Food Economy	2	4				6
Good Food Growing		3		1		4
Good Food for the Environment		4		1		5
Good Food Governance	2	3				5
Total	7	26	0	3	0	36

Good Food Strategy

Section 1: Quantitative measures

Good Food at Home and in the Community

1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food poverty and insecurity

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Number of learners from the Youth Family and Community Learning service benefiting from food related learning programmes	No target was indicated when validating the action plan as it has to be redefined due to the post Covid-19 context. Learners have benefited from accredited and non-accredited food related learning programmes including healthy eating; REHIS; ASDAN awards; agriculture and food growing; cooking on a budget; Grass Routes; Hareleeshill Community Garden; 'Weed 'em & Reap'.	Contextual	-----	414	0	0	0
Level of free primary school meals uptake (as proportion of total primary school free meals which could be taken up over the period)	Uptake continues to be impacted by Covid-19. This is a year to date position which includes April to June 2021 where schools were not fully operating due to Covid-19. The figure does not reflect uptake in a normal year. Target shown is the 2019-20 (pre-Covid) level and is for contextual purposes only this year.	Contextual	65%	58%	0%	0%	0%
Level of free secondary school meals uptake (as proportion of total secondary school free meals which could be taken up over the period)	Uptake continues to be impacted by Covid-19. This is a year to date position which includes April to June 2021 where schools were not fully operating due to Covid-19. The figure does not reflect uptake in a normal year. Target shown is the 2019-20 (pre-Covid) level and is for contextual purposes only this year.	Contextual	41%	44%	-----	-----	41%

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food in the Public Sector

3. Improving food in schools and in council properties 4. Improving food in public places

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Level of total (free and paid) primary school meal uptake (as proportion of total primary school meals which could be taken up over the period)	The level of uptake, up to and including P13, was 58.24%. Figures for P14 are not yet available. Please note that school meal uptake figures continue to be affected by Covid-19 and its impact on school attendance. Target shown is the 2019-20 (pre-Covid) level and is for contextual purposes only this year.	Contextual	59%	58%	-----	59%	41%
Level of total (free and paid) secondary school meal uptake (as proportion of total secondary school meals which could be taken up over the period)	The level of uptake, up to and including P13, was 36.31%. Figures for P14 are not yet available. Please note that school meal uptake figures continue to be affected by Covid-19 and its impact on school attendance. Target shown is the 2019-20 (pre-Covid) level and is for contextual purposes only this year.	Contextual	47%	36%	-----	47%	24%
Number of lunches served in nursery schools as part of new Scottish Government Early Years Initiative.	132,475 lunches were served during financial periods 10, 11 and 12. This brings the year to date figure to 438,249. Target has been exceeded.	Green	288,486	438,249	-----	288,486	218,249
Public procurement spending on Fair Trade products	Data was provided by Scotland Excel for the period January 2021 to December 2021 and represents council Fair Trade spending through Scotland Excel contracts. Figure cannot be considered as representative of a normal year given the pandemic resulting in closure of some of the council premises.	Contextual	-----	£4,116	-----	-----	£3,890
Public procurement spending on local food (i.e. food produced or manufactured in Scotland)	Data are provided by Scotland Excel for the period April 2020 to March 2021 (data for the 2021-2022 are available during summer 2022). Figures reported here therefore represents the 2020-21 procurement spending position. Figure represents the share of spending towards food products with the country of origin being Scotland or food products manufactured in Scotland compared to total spending towards food and drink products as part of the Scotland Excel contracts.	Contextual	-----	39%	0%	0%	0%

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Economy

5. Supporting a good food retail and catering environment 6. Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Food businesses compliant with food safety statutory requirements	<p>The rating scheme used to determine broad compliance with food safety requirements in food businesses operating within South Lanarkshire and inspected by Environmental Services changed on 1 July 2019. The previous food law rating scheme focused on broad compliance with food hygiene requirements only, whereas the new scheme assesses overall compliance with both food hygiene and food standards legislation.</p> <p>Under the combined old and new food law rating schemes, 95% were found to be broadly compliant in the forth quarter of 2021-2022 (January - March 2022). This equates to 2,564 food businesses. Year to date, 93% were found to be broadly compliant with both food hygiene and food standards legislation.</p> <p>This compliance figure continues to exceed the annual target set for this measure, and has increased gradually since the new food law rating scheme has come into affect. This is due to the fact that the new food law rating scheme allows local authorities to focus resources on high risk and non-compliant businesses by conducting more frequent inspections in these establishments.</p>	Green	85%	93%	-----	-----	90%

Good Food Growing

7. Providing food growing opportunities 8. Promoting good food growing and sustainability

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Size of Prime Agriculture Land protected from development	No prime agricultural land was lost as a result of the granting of planning applications.	Green	6,213	6,213	0	0	0

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Growing

7. Providing food growing opportunities 8. Promoting good food growing and sustainability

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Increase in the number of plot holders on council managed sites	<p>In comparison to 2020/21, food growing opportunities were provided for a further 80 people (increase of 31% compared to a target of 20%). There are currently 355 plot holders on council managed sites.</p> <p>Additionally, further site is under construction in Strathaven and it will deliver food growing opportunities for up to 21 people. It is also planned to investigate two sites to serve Hamilton and surrounding areas.</p> <p>The amount of plot holders can change due to the splitting or rejoining of plots, and turnover throughout the year.</p>	Green	20%	31%	0%	0%	0%

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Increase in the size of land provided for council managed food growing sites	<p>In 2021/22, the addition of Lammermoor allotments in East Kilbride, added a further 6,145m2 of land managed by the Council in relation to food growing which equates to a 20% increase. The size of the land provided for council managed food growing sites is now 36,365m2.</p> <p>The target of 25% was not achieved due to construction delays on Lesmahagow Road allotment site which should have been handed over during March 2022. This site will be commissioned in May 2022.</p>	Amber	25%	20%	0%	0%	0%

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Number of participants in food growing on other council land including schools, care homes, housing areas and areas managed by community groups or third party organisations	<p>The pandemic restrictions curtailed some of the activities of growing groups in 2021-22. However, there was still a high level of participation in food growing initiatives. It is estimated that the number of food growers have increased from 1,955 to 5,222.</p> <p>Feedback from Education Resources has been collated, and over 2,210 pupils were directly involved in food growing activities.</p> <p>Some examples of activities are detailed below including activities in schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grow 73 who are based at Overtoun Park in Rutherglen sent out 500 grow at home packs to schools and community groups in Rutherglen and worked with a local development group, Healthy'n'Happy to assess school and community needs in relation to food growing opportunities and education in South Lanarkshire. - Provision of raised beds, potato bags, growing in plastic bottles, seed and compost provisions from Morrisons Supermarket, East Kilbride Development Trust and Healthy'n'Happy/Grow 73, and Scottish Agricultural College scheme run by the Council. - Healthy'n'Happy has also provided a number of schools with fruit bushes. - Some schools report being sponsored by their Community Councils. - Coalburn Primary also received a grant to install water harvesting facilities in the school. - Kirktonholme Primary school have won a free trial of a hydroponic growing tower for a term and will be participating in this next year. 	Green	5%	167%	0%	0%	0%
Occupancy level at council managed sites	All plots are either currently let or have been offered out and are awaiting acceptance of the offer.	Green	99%	99%	0%	0%	0%

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food for the Environment

9. Reducing food waste and packaging 10. Limiting the impact of food system on the environment and climate change

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Share of householders using the council's food waste collection service	It was the role of the Waste Education team to carry out a survey to estimate the share of households using the council's food waste collection service. However, this team has been supporting Waste Operations throughout 2021/22 by doing a variety of frontline jobs including loading, supervision of crews, deliveries and responding to complaints. Indeed, Waste Operations were impacted by high absence rates due to Covid-19 and the Waste Service was forced to prioritise refuse collection over the education and awareness raising projects that were planned.	Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Share of food waste from school kitchen	Baseline established and agreed at below 1% of the food produced. The assessment was carried for a complete menu cycle i.e 3 weeks period in medium size primary and secondary schools. The pilot measured the quantity of food waste placed in the food waste bin compared to the food produced and showed that the target was met with less than 1% of the food produced (including from the kitchen and the dining room) wasted. This assessment is carried out at 6 monthly intervals.	Green	1%	1%	-----	-----	-----
Share of food waste from school dining room	A pilot project has been developed to estimate the share of food waste from schools (compared to the food produced). The pilot carried out during a complete menu cycle i.e. 3 weeks period in medium size primary and secondary schools focused on estimating the share of food waste from catering (including from the kitchen) rather than from the dining room only. Indeed, food waste from dining room is included in the overall waste calculation in schools (i.e. measure above) and therefore could not be reported as a separate measure. This measure will be removed in future action plans.	Red	15%	-----	-----	-----	-----
Share of food waste from school kitchen recycled/composted	All food disposed in food waste bins is sent to be recycled through anaerobic digestion which allows the production of biogas and bi-products which are used as bio fertiliser. No baseline was established last year and therefore no target was defined.	Contextual	-----	100%	-----	-----	100%

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Share of fish respecting MSC standards served in council properties and schools	The service is and will remain committed to purchasing fish that meets Marine Stewardship Council standards. This means that fisheries are assessed by accredited independent certifiers with regards to fish stocks, environmental impacts and fisheries management.	Green	100%	100%	-----	-----	100%
Share of chicken respecting red tractor standards served in council properties and schools	The service is and will remain committed to purchasing chicken that meets Red Tractor standards. The standard means that chicken has been responsibly sourced, safely produced and respects animal welfare criteria.	Green	100%	100%	-----	-----	100%
Share of red butcher meat respecting QMS standard served in council properties and schools	The service is and will remain committed to purchasing meat that meets Quality Meat Scotland standards. This means that cattle have been born, reared and slaughtered in Scotland and that they have spent their entire life in QMS Scotch Assured holdings. The standards also take into account animal welfare.	Green	100%	100%	-----	-----	100%

Good Food Strategy

Section 2: Project measures

Good Food at Home and in the Community

1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food poverty and insecurity

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Promote and support Good Food projects and campaigns in schools across South Lanarkshire	Number of projects/campaigns and number of schools involved	70 schools participated in the "Eat Them to Defeat Them" campaign. The national campaign from Veg Power and ITV uses advertising and a programme in schools to get kids to eat more vegetables. Each school ran veg-themed week for a period of five weeks offering daily tasters and children took home a reward chart, sticker pack and puzzle book.	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Communicate on the new regulation for Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink to children, parents, catering staff and teachers through a specific educational programme	Number of schools, children, parents, catering staff, teachers involved	Due to Covid-19 restrictions still in place, no food activities have been undertaken. However, visits have been undertaken to each school to raise awareness about the new regulations with head teachers. The service also continues to promote nutritional regulations and menus via parent flyers and digital animation. Facility Services also supported the "Eat Them to Defeat Them" campaign promoting vegetables consumption by offering daily tasters. The campaign was run in 70 schools.	Complete

Good Food at Home and in the Community

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Deliver Kitchen Learning Hub to Service users of the Unpaid Work Service in collaboration with Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership	Number of Service Users participating and feedback from participants	<p>Kitchen Learning Hub (KLH) is an ongoing practical cooking and nutrition education course for Auchentibber Community Payback Service Users (SU's). SU's can choose to take KLH as part of the therapeutic, groupwork and vocational learning proportion of their court-ordered community service, for a maximum of 15 weeks, or 30% of their hours. During the pandemic restrictions, sessions ran virtually on Microsoft Teams. SU's attend one 2-hour session a week (either Tuesday or Thursday) and were sent a parcel with all the ingredients needed to learn to prepare a healthy, balanced meal, which they cook along with a qualified nutritionist who ran the session. They also learned about new nutrition topic each week. Studies have shown that cooking skill interventions improve confidence and positively impact participants' diets (e.g., eating more fruit and vegetables and consuming fewer unhealthy snacks) and help develop a better understanding of how food affects health.</p> <p>Between October 2021 and April 2022 expected versus actual attendance was 88% (with an average of 2 service users attending each session). There were 19 new participants who joined in this period (42 in total during 2021-2022). On the 28th March 2022, KLH began facilitating face to face sessions in the Auchentibber kitchen in Blantyre whist continuing one remote session per week for our Clydesdale service users.</p> <p>During October 2021- March 2022, 26 bread making sessions with service users were delivered in-house every Thursday and more recently, Fridays. These sessions were led by a case manager and fresh baked bread was donated to our local food banks.</p> <p>In March 2022, the Unpaid Work Service employed an Educational Gardener. This project will promote a 'seed to plate' initiative. Service users will undertake vegetable growing within Auchentibber grounds, food preparation and nutrition education.</p>	Green

Good Food at Home and in the Community

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Deliver accredited and non-accredited food related learning programmes to learners of the Youth Family Community Learning service (YFCL) including healthy eating; REHIS; ASDAN awards; agriculture and food	Number of learners who have improved confidence and self esteem, mental health, physical health and wellbeing	414 participants, including those referred from food banks and schools, Additional Support Need (ASN) groups and family learning groups have improved confidence and self-esteem, mental health, physical health and well being through participation on YFCL food related programmes.	Green
	Number of learners who are better able to support their child/family members health and wellbeing	414 participants, including those referred from food banks and schools, ASN groups and family learning groups are better able to support their child/family members health and wellbeing through participation on YFCL food related programmes.	Green

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Good Food at Home and in the Community

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
growing; cooking on a budget; Grass Routes; Hareleeshill Community Garden; 'Weed'em & Reap'	Number of learners who have achieved a nationally recognised award or qualification	63 learners have achieved a nationally recognised award or qualification through programmes delivered by YFCL.	Green

Good Food at Home and in the Community

1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food poverty and insecurity

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Monitor the number of food parcels delivered by food banks sharing their data	Number of food parcels delivered by food banks to understand trends of food insecurity and inform council actions and local initiatives	<p>The data returns from South Lanarkshire food banks are not just confined to food deliveries but also include drop in referrals. The aggregate figures for the South Lanarkshire food banks covering the 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 indicates that 26,964 households were referred during this period. As part of this 41,293 people were fed through emergency food distribution during 2021-22 (including 24,836 adults and 16,457 children).</p> <p>The 2021/2022 figures represent a 3% drop on the number of households referred to local food banks over the previous year, down from 27,750 households in 2020/2021.</p> <p>The drop in the level of emergency food distribution over the past 12 months is to be expected as the South Lanarkshire food banks had experienced a record high number of requests for emergency food assistance during year 2020/2021 due to the financial and social effects of the Covid-19 pandemic e.g. families being unable to afford food as a result of cuts in incomes due to furlough or redundancy, or being unable to access food because of the need to self-isolate. The drop in the distribution figures between Q4 2020/2021 and Q4 2021/2022 is lower than it was at six months (down 39% when comparing the Q2 figures between 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, against the drop of only 3% measured now at Q4) suggesting that food bank use locally has picked up again since October 2021.</p> <p>Evaluating current levels of emergency food uptake against pre-Covid-19 levels (2019/2020) indicates that the number of people being fed through emergency food distribution is 57% higher than it was in year 2019/2020 (up from 26,211). This again is to be expected as the medium-term economic effects of Covid-19 and the current cost of living rises have impacted on household budgets, increasing demand for food assistance compared to two years ago.</p>	Green

Good Food at Home and in the Community

1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food poverty and insecurity

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
		<p>The Scottish Government is actively in the process of trying to end dependency on food banks and move to alternative solutions to food poverty in the medium term (national plan due to be published later in 2022), and this has the potential to push down demand further. On the other hand, comparing the figures back to 2019/2020, it is clear that dependency on emergency food provision in South Lanarkshire is still noticeably higher than it was pre-Covid. The impact of Covid-19 (the continued need for self-isolation) and the current cost of living crisis make it hard to predict future needs locally, but it is likely that the demand for emergency food provision in the short term (next 12 months) will be sustained, until alternative solutions to foodbanks are advanced.</p> <p>Performance against the milestone is assessed as green showing that data monitoring through regular collaboration with the local food banks remains effective.</p>	
Fund free school meals to eligible children during the spring holiday period (£30 voucher per fortnight)	Number of children receiving vouchers	Families have received cash payments rather than vouchers. There are currently 9,557 children eligible for low income based Free School Meals payments during school holidays in school session 2021/2022. Please note that this figure changes on a regular basis.	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Provide advice and referrals to specific food initiatives to families experiencing food insecurity	Number of referrals and applications helping families to improve their financial conditions (Best Start Food applications; Healthy Start Voucher applications; Food Bank referrals; School meal applications; Scottish Welfare Fund applications)	In total, from 1st April 2021 to 31 March 2022, 1,056 food related enquiries were received by Money Matters. In particular, during Q3 and Q4, 401 were received including 110 for Best Start Foods, 53 for food banks, 13 for free school meals and 225 for the Scottish Welfare Fund.	Green

Good Food at Home and in the Community

1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food poverty and insecurity

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Work in partnership with community food organisations and partners to identify and support the development of sustainable initiatives to tackle food poverty in response to COVID-19 (including improving access to food and ensuring those accessing aid receive the advice and support required)	Number of organisations supported and/or initiatives developed	<p>Several initiatives were developed in partnership to improve access to food and ensure those accessing aid received the advice and support required, this includes: the development of the booklet “Money is not the only problem” published by the council and developed with support from several partners; the development of Cash First Referral Leaflet developed by Independent Food Aid Network in partnership with the council, Citizen Advice Bureau, local food banks, and local community organisations; organisation of a workshop to gather the views of local food stakeholders on the national consultation “Local food for everyone”; establishment of a group discussion list for local food stakeholders to share information about initiatives in the council’s area.</p> <p>Moreover, the Community Engagement Team has directly issued food parcels to 454 households (feeding 1,032 people) through the Wellbeing line between April 2021 and March 2022. Two food larders were also supported with food provision and gained additional funding to continue their activities.</p> <p>An overall allocation of £0.048m has also been given to seven food banks with £0.012m allocated to each of the geographical areas through the Winter Fund provided by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Discussions have also started with the Community Planning Partnership on how to more strategically embed food including food insecurity into community planning and strengthen the partnership approach.</p>	Green

Good Food in the Public Sector

3. Improving food in schools and in council properties 4. Improving food in public places

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Meet the new regulation for Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in schools	New regulation met by 30th April 2021	New regulations are being met and maintained.	Complete
Work towards the Food for Life bronze standards in primary schools through an initial assessment and design of an implementation plan to achieve the award in year 2	Assessment undertaken by 31 March 2022	A full assessment with representatives from Food for Life was carried out from December 2021 to January 2022. The outcome of that assessment was that the decision was made to not take forward the "Food for Life" accreditation in 2022/23. Food served in primary schools already meet 11 out of the 13 standards needed to achieve the bronze award and the cost implication of having to make the menu adaptations to meet the remaining two criteria could not be justified.	Complete
	Action plan to achieve bronze in year 2 developed by 31 March 2022	The assessment was completed and the conclusion was to not progress with the award and therefore no action plan was developed to achieve it.	Red
Promote a food pledge aligned with the SL Good Food definition for food served in Council properties	Food pledge promoted by June 2021	Food pledge continues to be met and promoted to parents/carers via SLC web-site, parent flyers and animations.	Green
Promote Fairtrade principles in schools and council properties	Activities promoting Fairtrade principles during the Fairtrade fortnight	Fair trade products and menu items promoted during Fairtrade fortnight increasing awareness.	Green

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3. Improving food in schools and in council properties 4. Improving food in public places

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Develop a road map and undertake actions to increase procurement of sustainable food in schools and council properties with relevant council services and share good practices with partners of the CPP	Road map developed and demonstrated initiatives to increase procurement of sustainable food	The Sustainable Food Procurement group has been established in April 2021 and includes officers from Procurement, Economic Development, Facilities, Social Work, SLLC and Sustainable Development. Main outputs this year included the organisation of a food session at the Meet the buyer event organised by the Supplier Development Programme (November 2021) and the commission of an analysis to understand the capacity of the local food and drink sector to supply food and drink to the different council buyers (consultant identified and analysis starting in June 2022).	Green

Good Food Economy

5. Supporting a good food retail and catering environment 6. Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Engage with the Scottish Government during consultation on National Planning Framework 4 to ensure embedding of health and wellbeing issues in decision making	Response to consultation on draft NPF4 with likely timescale of Q3 2021/22 council response to these issues developed with preparation of supporting planning guidance (draft available for approval by end 2021/22)	<p>The Council's response to the draft National Planning Framework 4 consultation was approved by Planning Committee on 29th March 2022 and submitted to Scottish Government thereafter. It is expected that the final version will be approved later in 2022 and will become a material consideration in determining applications and preparing the Council's next Local Development Plan.</p> <p>The council also organised a workshop (March 2022) to gather the views of local food stakeholders on the food related policies included in the draft NPF4 and provide a response to the consultation on behalf of the group. The workshop was also an opportunity to raise awareness about the links between food and planning.</p>	Complete

Good Food Economy

5. Supporting a good food retail and catering environment 6. Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Promote Fairtrade principles together with members of the Fairtrade steering group and renew the Fairtrade Zone status of the council	Fairtrade Zone Status renewed by August 2021	The Fairtrade Status of the council has been automatically renewed this year.	Complete
	Number of initiatives/activities promoting Fairtrade principles	The council continues to support the organisation of the bi-annual South Lanarkshire Fairtrade Steering group meetings. The council is also now member of the Scottish Fair Trade Forum. The council has been involved in the annual Fair Trade Award Ceremony (October 2021) by sponsoring the Fairtrade Climate Change and Partnership award. Biggar Primary School received the Community Award at the same ceremony. The council also promoted the Fairtrade Fortnight (February 2022) with the distribution of educational materials in schools, promotion of the Fortnight to employees (intranet) and residents (social media). The Council also supported the South Lanarkshire Fairtrade steering group to access funding to organise events on World Fair Trade day (May 2022).	Green

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5. Supporting a good food retail and catering environment 6. Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Offer advice and support to local food businesses (start-ups and established)	Number of food businesses engaged with and supported	The council's Economic Development officer who supports the food and drink industry is in contact with food and drink businesses throughout SL to offer information, advice, support and signposting. Visits are made to businesses and their premises and products are viewed and the operations and potential of the businesses are discussed, with a view to offering ongoing support to help business develop. A number of food related businesses have received SLC grants to support their development and growth. The council works closely with other organisations to offer a 'one-stop shop' approach to support businesses including E3 Hub (a fixed-term initiative to support businesses in rural areas), Business Gateway Lanarkshire, Elevator, Scotland Food and Drink, North Lanarkshire Council, Lanarkshire Larder, Scottish Enterprise, Federation of Small businesses, Lanarkshire Business Hub etc.	Green

Good Food Economy

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Encourage networking amongst the food and drink sector	Demonstrated activities to encourage networking in the sector	<p>The Economic Development team supported Lanarkshire Larder to arrange for food and drink businesses to attend networking and promotional events.</p> <p>The council also promoted a Hamper Competition to raise the profile of the SL food and drink sector and enable businesses to increase their business profile and turnover.</p>	Green
Promote use of local food produce (promotion and events) across business sectors	Demonstrated activities to promote local produce	<p>The council part-funded a co-ordinator's post for Lanarkshire Larder during its first year. This is a local organisation that supports the Lanarkshire food and drink sector. Additional funding is now being requested from SLC (along with Scotland Food and Drink and North Lanarkshire Council) to continue to fund the co-ordinator's post for Lanarkshire Larder during its second year.</p> <p>The economic development team supported the overall implementation of the Good Food Strategy by being involved with events to encourage networking.</p> <p>SLC also worked in conjunction with Elevator and Young Enterprise Scotland (YES) to support delivery of 'Farm to Fork' education sessions in schools throughout South Lanarkshire. Compost, seeds and plant boxes were distributed to some schools to help the youths learn the importance of growing produce themselves.</p>	Green

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Growing

7. Providing food growing opportunities 8. Promoting good food growing and sustainability

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Develop a Council wide Open Space Strategy including an assessment of the current quality and location of food growing opportunities and identify potential suitable areas where new or improved provision could be appropriate	Audit of existing open space provision at Q2 2021/22 and draft OSS for approval by end 2021/22	A consultation by the Scottish Government on the associated regulations for the preparation of an Open Space Strategy finished on 31 March 2022. The Council submitted a response to the consultation following approval by the Planning Committee. It is expected the final version of the regulations will be approved later in 2022. Due to the delay in the publication of the new regulations by the Scottish Government, the audit of existing areas of open space in South Lanarkshire has been delayed. However, its development has started in collaboration with Countryside and Greenspace teams.	Red
Work with local communities who are preparing Local Place Plans for their area to identify opportunities locally to meet any aspirations related to food growing	Response to consultation on draft regulations and guidance on LPPs at Q1 2021/22 with legislation coming into force in Q3	The Local Place Plan Regulations came into effect in January 2022.	Green
Implement the year 2 action plan for the Food Growing Strategy as per Scottish Government guidance (e.g developing food growing sites, providing advice and support to groups, facilitating Food growing group meetings, promoting sustainable food growing practices)	Progress on the implementation of year 2 action plan	The action plan 2021/2022 was updated on a monthly basis, with quarterly updates provided to the food growing group.	Green
	Annual report to Scottish Government	The draft 2021/2022 annual report has been prepared and when final expenditure figures are received, it will be finalised and published.	Green

Good Food for the Environment

9. Reducing food waste and packaging 10. Limiting the impact of food system on the environment and climate change

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Consider extending the food waste collection service	Review of existing service provision and identification of costs associated with extending the service to rural areas	The council will offer hot composters to rural areas as an alternative to extending the food waste collection service to rural areas that do not currently have a means of recycling food waste. This will be funded through the Investment Fund and will start late summer 2022 (dependent on procurement/ supplier lead in times).	Green
Revise the content of the presentations the Waste Education Team provide to schools in South Lanarkshire to include information about food waste reduction and recycling	Educational material updated by March 2022 including criteria to assess the impact of the educational programme	The service has continued to suffer from high Covid-19 absence rates and Waste Education Staff have been redeployed to support the Operations side of the business. Waste Education staff have acted as Supervisors to the crew, loaders, Civic Amenity site staff and delivery drivers throughout the pandemic. The adaptability of Waste Education staff has allowed us to keep front line services going but it has been to the detriment of the strategy development and educational aspects of the business.	Red
Lead on reducing the council's reliance on avoidable single-use plastic items for food	Actions to reduce reliance on single-use plastic items for food across the council	All single-use plastic products were changed to comply with the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 which came into force on 1st June 2022.	Green

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Support the redistribution of food surplus	Quantity of food surplus redistributed to vulnerable people (food bank) or sold at affordable prices (food coop)	From April 2021 to March 2022, 77 tonnes of food have been redistributed to vulnerable people or sold at affordable prices by the organisation FareShare with support from the council. This represents 183,337 meal portions for a value of £275,005 and 74 tonnes of CO2 saved.	Green
Undertake campaign promoting sustainable food	Number of campaigns promoting sustainable food	Several campaigns promoting sustainable food were developed or shared and run on intranet and social media including: the monthly publication of seasonality calendars; series of infographics about the effect of food on climate change; invitation to join the low carbon lunch during the food and climate day celebration; promotion of the World Pulse Day; promotion of the Fairtrade Fortnight with the theme being Climate Justice; promotion of the Love Food Hate Waste action week. The council has also signed the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration (July 2021) showing its commitment to tackle the climate emergency through integrated food policies. Support has been provided to the discussion paper on urban and peri-urban agriculture prepared by Nourish and shared with the Scottish Government.	Green

Good Food Governance

11. Developing and strengthening food partnerships 12. Making good food a priority in the council's area

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Identify and promote local food initiatives including those developed during the COVID-19 pandemic and facilitate information sharing around Good Food practices in South Lanarkshire	Establish an appropriate communication forum/channel to facilitate information sharing and peer learning around good food	The "South Lanarkshire Good Food Forum discussion list" was created using the Group functionality of Outlook. It was launched in February 2022. Members of the group can directly receive and share local food related information. There are currently 49 members including 9 from the private sector, 23 from the public sector, 17 from the third sector.	Green
Support the voluntary and third sector and work with partners to formalise the food network and encourage a partnership approach to progress the objectives of the strategy including the new organisations/initiatives developed to tackle food poverty resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic	Presence of an active food network	<p>The network composed of food stakeholders from the third, private and public sectors regularly meets to discuss specific topics and share experience during the year. The following events were organised: impact of Covid-19 on food system (June 2021); link between food and climate change (October 2021); local food as part the national consultation "Local food for everyone" (November 2021); link between food and planning as part of the national consultation on the National Planning Framework 4 (March 2021).</p> <p>The pilot project "Fork to Farm dialogues" also started in February 2021. It consists of a series of meetings which aim to increase understanding and collaboration between the local farming community and the council for a just transition to healthy and sustainable food systems. It is a platform for learning, knowledge-sharing and opportunities.</p>	Green

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Join the UK network Sustainable Food Places	Membership achieved in 2021/22 to guarantee a high profile of food initiatives	The membership has been achieved and the council has joined the UK Sustainable Food Places network in June 2021.	Complete
Establish a Sustainable Food Procurement working group with relevant council services	Working group established and road map developed	<p>The Sustainable Food Procurement group has been established in April 2021 and includes officers from Procurement, Economic Development, Facilities, Social Work, SLLC and Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Main outputs from this working group this year included the organisation of a food session at the Meet the buyer event organised by the Supplier Development Programme (November 2021) and the commission of an analysis to understand the capacity of the local food and drink sector to supply food and drink to the different council buyers (consultant identified and analysis starting in June 2022).</p>	Complete
Work with partners from CPP to define and implement collective actions to progress the objectives of the Good Food Strategy	Number of actions validated and implemented by partners and areas covered	<p>Two main actions related to food are included in the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) action plan: one about improving access to food and crisis aid and ensuring those accessing aid receive the advice and support required to find more sustainable solutions; and the other one about increasing the number of people involved in food growing.</p> <p>Discussions were also initiated with the Community Planning Partnership Progress Board on how to embed food more strategically into community planning and strengthen the partnership approach. Discussions will continue in 2022/2023.</p>	Green