



Council Offices, Almada Street
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Tuesday, 23 August 2022

Dear Councillor

Climate Change and Sustainability Committee

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the Committee to be held as follows:-

Date: Wednesday, 31 August 2022
Time: 10:00
Venue: Hybrid - Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Cleland Sneddon
Chief Executive

Members

Mark McGeever (Chair), Joe Fagan (ex officio), Alex Allison, John Anderson, Ralph Barker, Janine Calikes, Maureen Chalmers, Ross Clark, Margaret Cooper, Colin Dewar, Ross Gowland, Lynsey Hamilton, Gavin Keatt, Ross Lambie, Richard Lockhart, Katy Loudon, Julia Marrs, Monique McAdams, Lesley McDonald, Elaine McDougall, Carol Nugent, Mo Razzaq, Kirsten Robb, John Ross, Dr Ali Salamati, Graham Scott, Bert Thomson, Margaret B Walker

Substitutes

Walter Brogan, Robert Brown, Andy Carmichael, Gerry Convery, Poppy Corbett, Andrea Cowan, Allan Falconer, Gladys Ferguson-Miller, Elise Frame, Mark Horsham, Martin Hose, Richard Nelson, David Watson

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13 Urgent Business

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Report

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Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	31 August 2022
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Action Plan for the Third Year of Implementation (2022/2023) of the Good Food Strategy
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

- ◆ request approval of the action plan for the third year of implementation (2022/2023) of the Council's Good Food Strategy

2. Recommendations

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Council's action plan for the third year of implementation (2022/2023) of the Good Food Strategy, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Council's Good Food Strategy 2020-2025 was approved by the Executive Committee on 4 December 2019.
- 3.2. The Strategy provides a framework for actions to move towards healthier, fairer and more sustainable food systems in the Council's area and seeks to ensure that food plays a positive role in everyone's life. Change in the food systems has the potential to tackle challenges and bring positive outcomes in relation to health, well-being, social connections, poverty and inequalities, economy including agriculture and tourism, environment and climate change and animal welfare.
- 3.3. By taking into account all the aspects of food, the Council has set out objectives and intentions for the Council to deliver the vision of the Strategy but also to work in collaboration with partners and support the community.
- 3.4. The implementation of the Strategy started in April 2020. An update on the implementation of the Strategy is provided at quarter 2 and quarter 4 each year, with reports presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee.

4. Good Food Strategy Action Plan 2022/2023

- 4.1. The action plan for the third year of implementation of the Good Food Strategy is available in Appendix 1.

4.2. The action plan was developed based on inputs from the following services:-

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources: Amenity Services, Economic Development Services, Environmental Services, Facility Services, Planning, Refuse and Recycling
- ◆ Education Resources: Health and Wellbeing in schools, Youth, Families and Communities Learning Services
- ◆ Finance and Corporate Resources: Benefits and Revenue, Community Engagement, Money Matters Advice Services
- ◆ Social Work Resources: Unpaid Work Services.

4.3. The action plan includes two sections: Performance Indicators and Projects. Each section is divided into Good Food Themes:-

- ◆ Good Food at Home and the Community
- ◆ Good Food in Public Places
- ◆ Good Food Economy
- ◆ Good Food Growing
- ◆ Good Food for the Environment
- ◆ Good Food Governance.

Measures and actions are reported by outcome as defined in the Good Food Strategy.

5. Food Growing Strategy Action Plan 2022/2023

- 5.1. In addition to the Good Food Strategy, the Council has a statutory obligation to develop a Food Growing Strategy and provide allotments and other food growing opportunities (Community Empowerment Scotland Act 2015).
- 5.2. The Council's Food Growing Strategy was published in 2020, with a Food Growing action plan formulated annually in consultation with members of the Food Growing Group. This Group is made up of partners, voluntary and third sector organisations. The Food Growing action plan is monitored by the Food Growing Group and shared in accordance with statutory obligations defined by the Scottish Government.
- 5.3. Given the relationship between the Food Growing Strategy and the Good Food Strategy and the requirement to report within similar timescales, the Good Food Strategy action plan for 2022/2023 incorporates the main Food Growing Strategy actions, allowing progress on food growing to be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee (in green in Appendix 1).

6. Monitoring Framework

- 6.1. Progress of the action plan will be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee at Q2 and Q4. The IMPROVe system will continue to be used to gather the progress from Services and to produce monitoring reports.
- 6.2. A mid-term review of the Strategy will also be undertaken from mid-2023 and will be published next year. This will assess the broader outcomes and overall impacts of the five-year Strategy.

7. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

- 7.1. Following the SEA pre-screening exercise and communication with the Scottish Government, it was concluded that no further action was required in relation to the SEA process for the Good Food Strategy and the Food Growing Strategy.

8. Employee Implications

- 8.1. Monitoring the implementation of the action plan of the Good Food Strategy is the key task of the Policy Officer (Food Development). The implementation of the Food Growing Strategy is monitored by Amenity Services.
- 8.2. In addition, the implementation of the strategies are the task of Resources and Services involved in food activities as identified during the development of the Good Food Strategy and Food Growing Strategy and as indicated in the action plan.

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1. Although there are no financial implications at this stage, specific financial implications related to the implementation of the action plan will be foreseen and reported on a case-by-case basis.

10. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 10.1. The Good Food action plan 2022/2023, by taking into account all the aspects of the food systems from farm to fork and encouraging the transition towards a more sustainable food system, will help to achieve the objectives of the Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy.

11 Other Implications

- 11.1. There are no implications for risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 12.1. The Equalities Impact Assessment has been conducted and approved.
- 12.2. Consultation was carried out with Council Services and members of the Food Growing Group as noted at paragraphs 4 and 5 of the report.

David Booth

Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

28 July 2022

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
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Priorities

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress and improve

Outcomes

- ◆ Our children and young people thrive
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible
- ◆ Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee 4 December 2019 - Good Food Strategy
- ◆ Executive Committee 16 December 2020 – Food Growing Strategy 2020-2025
- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 10 February 2021 – Action Plan for the second year of implementation of the Good Food Strategy

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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Action Plan 2022-2023

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1- Performance indicators

Good Food at Home and the Community

Resource Outcome	1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food insecurity and dignity			
Measure	Baseline	Annual Target	Resource/Service	Updater/Owner
Number of learners from Youth, Family and Community Learning service (Education) benefiting from food related learning programmes	200	220	Youth, Family and Community Learning service/ Education	Updater: Joan McVicar Owner: Anne Donaldson
Number of children eligible for free school meals and supported during school holiday periods (£2.50 per day)	Contextual	Contextual	Benefits & Revenue (Finance and Corporate)	Updater: Stephen Pendrich Owner: Stephen Pendrich
Level of free primary school meals uptake (as proportion of total primary school free meals which could be taken up over the period)	65.21% (2019/20)	Maintain	Facilities C&E	Updater: Mary Sherry Owner: Anne Goldie
Level of free secondary school meals uptake (as proportion of total secondary school free meals which could be taken up over the period)	40.89% (2019/20)	Maintain	Facilities C&E	Updater: Mary Sherry Owner: Anne Goldie
Number of referrals to specific food initiatives for families experiencing food insecurity (Best Start Food applications; Healthy Start Voucher applications; Food Bank referrals; School meal applications; Scottish Welfare Fund applications)	Contextual	Contextual	Money Matters/ Finance	Updater: Angela Martin Owner: Angela Martin
Number of food parcels delivered by food banks	Contextual	Contextual	Community Engagement Team	Update: Gary Ross Update: Gary Ross

Good Food in the Public Sector

Resource Outcome	3. Improving food in schools and council properties 4. Improving food in public places			
Measure	Baseline	Annual Target	Resource/Service	Updater/Owner
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)	59.3%	59.3%	Facilities C&E	Service Plan
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)	47.3%	47.3%	Facilities C&E	Service Plan
Number of lunches served in nursery schools as part of the Scottish Government Early Years Initiative	288,486	Contextual	Facilities C&E	Service Plan
Number of free breakfasts served in primary schools during school days	To be established	To be established	Facilities C&E	Updater: Mary Sherry Owner: Anne Goldie
Annual public procurement spending on Fairtrade products in schools and council premises	Contextual	Contextual	Performance and Development/ C&E	Owner: Hélène Gourichon Updater: Hélène Gourichon
Annual public procurement spending on local food (i.e. food produced or manufactured in Scotland)	Contextual	Contextual	Performance and Development/ C&E	Owner: Hélène Gourichon Updater: Hélène Gourichon

Good Food Economy

Resource Outcome	5. Supporting a good food retail and catering environment 6. Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy			
Measure	Baseline	Annual Target	Resource/Service	Updater/Owner
Food businesses compliant with food safety statutory requirements	87.9% (2019/2020)	85%	Environmental Health/ C&E	Updater: Sheena Redmond Owner: Karen Wardrope
Number of local food businesses engaged with and supported (start-ups and established)	Contextual	Contextual	Economic Development / C&E	Updater: Donna Macleod Owner: Stephen Keating

Good Food Growing

Resource Outcome	7. Providing food growing opportunities 8. Promoting food growing and sustainability			
Measure	Baseline	Annual Target	Resource/Service	Updater/Owner
Size of Prime Agriculture Land protected from development	6213 hectares	100%	Planning/ C&E	Updater: Shiela Alderson Owner: Tony Finn
Increase in the number of overall plot holders on Council managed food growing sites by March 2023	355	10%	C&E/ Amenity	Updater: Lisa Inglis Owner: Lynn Carr
Increase in the area of council land made available for food growing sites by March 2023	36,365	10%	C&E/ Amenity	Updater: Lisa Inglis Owner: Lynn Carr

Increase in the overall number of food growing participants on council land including schools, care homes, housing areas and areas managed by community groups or third party organisations by March 2023	5,222	5%	C&E/ Amenity	Updater: Lisa Inglis Owner: Lynn Carr
Occupancy levels at council managed food growing sites	99%	Minimum 98% uptake	C&E/ Amenity	Updater: Lisa Inglis Owner: Lynn Carr

Good Food for the Environment

Resource Outcome	9. Reducing food waste and packaging 10. Limiting the impact of food system on the environment and climate change			
Measure	Baseline	Annual Target	Resource/Service	Updater/Owner
Share of householders using the council's food waste collection service	To be established	-	Refuse and recycling/ C&E	Updater: Tom McGowan Owner: Kirsty McGuire
Quantity of food waste from school catering as proportion of total food produced (all food waste is collected by council contractor for recycling/composting)	Below 2%	Below 2%	Facilities/C&E	Updater: Isabel Veitch Owner: Anne Goldie

Good Food Governance

Resource Outcome	11. Developing and strengthening food partnerships 12. Making good food a priority in the council's area			
Measure	Baseline	Annual Target	Resource/Service	Updater/Owner
Report on the £0.3m Food Strategy Support Fund budget including the community grants by March 2024	Contextual	NA	Performance and Development / C&E	Updater: Kathryn McCafferty Owner: Michelle Wilkie

1- Actions

Good Food at Home and the Community

Resource Outcome	1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food insecurity and dignity			
Action		Measure	Resource/Service	Updater/Owner
Work in partnership with community food organisations and partners to identify and support the development of initiatives to tackle food poverty		Activities developed to tackle food insecurity including improving access to food and ensuring those accessing aid receive the advice and support required	Performance and Development / C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Hélène Gourichon

Resource Outcome	1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food insecurity and dignity		
Action	Measure	Resource/Service	Updater/Owner
Deliver Kitchen Learning Hub to service users of the Unpaid Work Service in collaboration with Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership	Increased number of service users participating in the hub and gaining REHIS qualifications. Service users report having more confidence to cook healthy meals for themselves and family and report a better understanding of nutrition and the impact on their health and wellbeing.	Unpaid Work Service/ Social Work	Updater: Caitlin Hendry Owner: Anne Louise Maher
Employ an educational gardener to support service users of Unpaid Work Service undertake food growing as part of their unpaid work	Service users report increased knowledge and skills in gardening and food growing. Opportunity to undertake the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society GLiN Award. Fruit and vegetables grown are distributed to support foodbanks and other community food initiatives promoting access to locally grown affordable produce.	Unpaid Work Service/ Social Work	Updater: Anne Louise Maher Owner: Gillian Booth

Good Food in the Public Sector

Resource Outcome	3. Improving food in schools and council properties 4. Improving food in public places		
Action	Measure	Resource/Service	Updater/Owner
With the Sustainable Food Procurement group , support the progress of the analysis on the capability of Lanarkshire F&D businesses to supply SLC	Progress of the analysis on the capability of Lanarkshire F&D businesses to supply SLC	Performance and Development/ C&E	Owner: Hélène Gourichon Updater: Hélène Gourichon
Promote a food pledge aligned with the SL Good Food definition; meeting the MSC, red tractor and QMS standards for fish, chicken and red meat; and meeting the Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in schools	Food pledge promoted by March 2023	Facilities/ C&E	Updater: Isabel Veitch Owner: Anne Goldie

Good Food Economy

Resource Outcome	5. Supporting a good food retail and catering environment 6. Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy		
Action	Measure	Resource/Service	Updater/Owner
Encourage networking amongst the food and drink sector	Demonstrated activities to encourage networking in the sector	Economic Development /C&E	Updater: Donna Macleod Owner: Stephen Keating
Promote use of local food produce (promotion and events) across business sectors	Demonstrated activities to promote local products	Economic Development /C&E	Updater: Donna Macleod Owner: Stephen Keating

Good Food Growing

Resource Outcome	7. Providing food growing opportunities 8. Promoting food growing and sustainability		
Action	Measure	Resource/Service	Updater/Owner
Develop a council wide Open Space Strategy (OSS) 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 to be completed by mid 2022 and draft OSS by end 2022/2023	Planning & Economic Development / C&E	Updater: Shiela Alderson Owner: Tony Finn
Work with local communities when preparing Local Place Plans for their area to identify opportunities locally to meet any aspirations related to food growing	Corporate response developed and in place by end of Q2	Planning & Economic Development / C&E	Updater: Shiela Alderson Owner: Tony Finn
Ensure embedding of health and wellbeing issues in the preparation of Local Development Plan 3 in accordance with the NPF4 and consider the need for interim supporting planning guidance	<p>Progress in the development of the LDP (5 year process with preparation of the Evidence Report commencing later in 2022 including evidence on Lifelong Health and Wellbeing).</p> <p>Publication of planning guidance for any new policy areas emerging from the new National Planning Framework as an interim measure.</p>	Planning & Economic Development / C&E	Updater: Shiela Alderson Owner: Tony Finn

Good Food for the Environment

Resource Outcome	9. Reducing food waste and packaging 10. Limiting the impact of food system on the environment and climate change		
Action	Measure	Resource/Service	Updater/Owner
Consider extending the food waste collection service	Review of existing service provision and identification of costs associated with extending the service to rural areas or identify alternatives to help residents manage food waste	Refuse and recycling/ C&E	Updater: Michael Maher Owner: Kirsty McGuire
Revise the content of the presentations provided by the Waste Education Team to schools in South Lanarkshire to include information about food waste reduction and recycling	Educational material updated by March 2023 including criteria to assess the impact of the educational programme	Refuse and recycling/ C&E	Updater: Nicola Maher Owner: Kirsty McGuire
Continue to reduce the council's reliance on avoidable single-use plastic items for food	Actions to reduce the reliance of single-use plastic items for food across the council	Facilities /C&E (Sustainable Development C&E)	Updater: Isabel Veitch Owner: Anne Goldie
Undertake campaigns promoting sustainable food to Council employees and South Lanarkshire residents	Type of campaigns promoting sustainable food	Performance and Development/ C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Hélène Gourichon

Good Food Governance

Resource Outcome	11. Developing and strengthening food partnerships 12. Making good food a priority in the council's area		
Action	Measure	Resource/Service	Updater/Owner
Promote Fairtrade principles in the council's area together with members of the Fairtrade steering	Fairtrade Zone Status renewed by August 2022	Performance and Development/ C&E	Owner: Hélène Gourichon

Resource Outcome	11. Developing and strengthening food partnerships 12. Making good food a priority in the council’s area		
Action	Measure	Resource/Service	Updater/Owner
group and renew the Fairtrade Zone status of the council	Demonstrated activities promoting Fairtrade principles		Updater: Hélène Gourichon
Encourage and facilitate information sharing among participants of the Good Food Forum and encourage a partnership approach to progress the objective of the food strategy	Demonstrated activities to encourage and facilitate networking and partnership	Performance and Development/ C&E	Owner: Hélène Gourichon Updater: Hélène Gourichon
Pilot the Fork to Farm dialogue meetings to increase understanding and collaboration between the local farming community and the council	Demonstrated activities to increase understanding and collaboration between the local farming community and the council	Performance and Development/ C&E	Owner: Hélène Gourichon Updater: Hélène Gourichon
Work with partners including Community Planning Partnership to define and implement collective actions to progress the objectives of the Good Food Strategy	Demonstrated actions to increase partnership working among partners	Performance and Development/ C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Hélène Gourichon
Conduct a mid-term review of the Good Food Strategy	Publication of the mid-term review report	Performance and Development/ C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Hélène Gourichon

Report

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Report to: **Climate Change and Sustainability Committee**
 Date of Meeting: **31 August 2022**
 Report by: **Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

Subject: **Litter Strategy for South Lanarkshire**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ request approval of the Litter Strategy for South Lanarkshire which will cover the period 2022 to 2027

2. Recommendation

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Litter Strategy for South Lanarkshire for the period 2022 to 2027 be approved.

3. Background

3.1. The Climate Change and Sustainability Committee approved the development of a Council wide Litter Strategy on 10 February 2021. It was intended that the Strategy cover a five year period from 2022 to 2027.

3.2. The Strategy sets out a vision for South Lanarkshire and outlines how the Council will develop a range of plans and initiatives that will drive its commitment to preventing litter, dog fouling and fly tipping. It builds on a range of existing initiatives as well as complementing a range of national campaigns promoted by organisations such as Keep Scotland Beautiful and Zero Waste Scotland, whilst recognising anticipated guidance from the new National Litter and Fly Tipping Strategy due for publication in late 2022.

4. The Vision and Objectives of the Strategy

4.1. The development of the Litter Strategy involved a wide range of consultation, engagement and communication across the Council, with partners and communities, to identify opportunities and shared objectives. Through this collaborative process a clear vision and set of objectives has been developed.

The vision of the Litter Strategy for South Lanarkshire Council is:-

- ♦ To be a cleaner place to live, work and visit free of litter, fly-tipping and dog waste

The strategy will be underpinned by:-

- ♦ Encouraging awareness, behaviour change and personal responsibility
- ♦ Working in partnership with all stakeholders, communities and community groups

- ◆ Meeting legislative requirements of the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (Scotland) 2018

4.2. The Strategy has identified 3 broad themes with 15 further objectives supporting the delivery of the themes and vision.

Education

- ◆ Provide information, awareness and guidance to the community
- ◆ Run local campaigns along with promotion of national content through Keep Scotland Beautiful and Zero Waste Scotland
- ◆ Encourage and promote education that leads to long-term positive attitudes to waste and littering
- ◆ Work in partnership with the local communities, community groups, council departments, education, and businesses
- ◆ Encourage engagement and the creation of Litter Prevention Action Plans
- ◆ Provide advice on duty of care requirements to residents

Engagement

- ◆ Develop a Litter Bin Plan with mapping of current locations and future innovations
- ◆ Deliver an efficient and effective street cleansing service using zoning information
- ◆ Support local community groups and individuals with advice and the loan of equipment for litter picking
- ◆ Increase monitoring and mapping of fly tipping occurrences to identify hotspots
- ◆ Increase use of preventative measures including CCTV and other trials

Enforcement

- ◆ Use litter, fly tipping and dog fouling enforcement powers as a tool to change the future behaviour of offenders
- ◆ Provide guidance on current legislation on enforcement
- ◆ Continue to develop strong relationships with both internal and external stakeholders including Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Services (COPFS)
- ◆ Engage with other local authorities to establish consistency and best practice

5. Next Steps

5.1. Following approval, the Strategy will go through a design process to introduce infographics and images for ease of reading and to ensure the document is user friendly. Work will continue with partners and communities to develop appropriate actions with a focus on working collaboratively to deliver change. Progress on implementation of the Strategy will be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on an annual basis.

6. Strategic Environmental Assessment

6.1. In September 2021, the pre-screening exercise was undertaken in order to assess whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required. The Pre-Screen Exemption Statement was submitted in November 2021 stating that the Litter Strategy does not seek to change or amend policies contained in the Community Plan or the Council Plan, both of which have been subject to SEA.

6.2. The Consultation Authorities did not raise any concerns or request further assessment within the statutory timeframe. We are therefore able to conclude that no further SEA work is required for the Litter Strategy.

7. Employee Implications

- 7.1. Development of the Strategy will be one of the key tasks of the Policy Officer. In addition, all Resources will need to contribute to the development of the Strategy to ensure that a co-ordinated and comprehensive approach is adopted. Implications for Resources and Services will vary depending on the relevance of their activities with regards to litter.
- 7.2. In addition to developing the Strategy, the Policy Officer will champion and report on wider issues relating to litter, dog fouling and fly tipping prevention.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. There are no financial implications at this stage.

9. Climate Change, Sustainability, and Environmental Implications

- 9.1. Littering and fly tipping have a detrimental impact on health and wellbeing, the economy, and the natural environment. Litter and fly tipping can lead to soil, water, and air pollution, and it is estimated that 80% of marine litter washing up on our beaches started out on land. It can affect our ecosystem services and bring harm to biodiversity. Prevention of litter and fly tipping has a key role to play in sustainable development and promoting the circular economy. The Litter Strategy will support the outcomes of the Council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy.
- 9.2. A further positive outcome of prevention of littering and fly tipping is that proper disposal will have a positive effect on the Council's recycling figures. At present, the disposal of litter and fly tipping is not separated prior to disposal and in the main is sent for incineration.

10. Other Implications

- 10.1. There are no other implications or risks associated with this report.

11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 11.1. Although this report introduces a new policy, this policy area has been screened for equalities issues and is not relevant to the Committee's equalities duties and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 11.2. Consultation was carried out as noted at paragraph 4 of the report.

David Booth

Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

22 August 2022

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

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Previous References

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee report on Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (Scotland) 2018 on 24 August 2017
- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee report on Development of a Litter Strategy on 10 February 2021

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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Litter Strategy

Foreword

The new litter strategy for South Lanarkshire will support the council and partners to collaborate more effectively to tackle the blight littering and fly tipping.

In recent years, we have seen these issues grow and we now find household and commercial waste fly tipped at the end of roads, within lock-up groups, beside flatted properties and country lay-bys. In many cases the waste can be hazardous or a risk to children, as well as being a fire risk. Not only is this environmentally unpleasant and potentially dangerous, but it requires increasing resources, from vehicles to staffing, to manage and dispose of the waste. This means that valuable council resources are often diverted from delivering our other priorities and supporting our communities.

Key to the success of the strategy will be working with our partners to encourage behaviour change. We cannot do this on our own; it is time for everyone to play their part in tackling these issues. I am delighted to launch this strategy and would like to thank all staff and partners involved in its development.

Cllr Robert Brown

Introduction

What is the South Lanarkshire Litter Strategy?

The Litter Strategy covers the period 2022-2027 and provides a framework for a range of plans, policies and environmental initiatives that drive our commitment to preventing litter, dog fouling and fly tipping. It also sets out the objectives, outputs, activities and expected outcomes for the Council, its partners and its communities.

The overall vision for the Litter Strategy for South Lanarkshire Council is:

- ◆ To be a cleaner place to live, work and visit; free of litter, fly tipping and dog waste

The strategy will be underpinned by:

- ◆ Encouraging awareness, behaviour change and personal responsibility
- ◆ Working in partnership with all stakeholders, communities, and community groups
- ◆ Meeting legislative requirements of the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (Scotland) 2018

Why has the Council developed a Litter Strategy?

This is the Council's first Litter Strategy and South Lanarkshire is one of the first local authorities in Scotland to do this. The Council's commitment is aligned with the National Litter Strategy and views that litter and fly tipping is a blight on our local communities and natural environments.

The Scottish Government has committed to a new National Litter and Flytipping Strategy being launched in 2022. This will strengthen the commitment nationally and will promote collaborative action, as it recognises that no one organisation can tackle this in isolation.

South Lanarkshire Council has duties under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, under the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (COPLAR). There are two duties within section 89 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 defining the responsibilities of organisations in terms of their obligation so far as reasonably practicable and relating to Duty 1 and Duty 2:

- ◆ Duty 1: ensure that their land (or land that is under their control), is kept clear of litter and refuse.
- ◆ Duty 2: ensure that public roads (for which the body is responsible) are kept clean.

Duty 1 requires explanations of litter and refuse. Litter is considered to be 'waste in the wrong place', where individual or a small number of items are thrown down, dropped or deposited in a public place by any person and is left there. Escaped materials should be treated as litter. Materials that could be considered as litter are wide ranging, including food packaging, drink containers, smoking related materials including cigarette ends, chewing gum, food items, paper and plastic bags.

Refuse should be regarded as waste material or rubbish, including household and commercial waste, fly tipped waste, dog faeces, animal carcasses and car parts. Refuse tends to be larger items than litter.

Duty 2 requires that roads, as well as being kept clear of litter and refuse, should be kept clean.

A key consideration is that they should be free of detritus. Detritus relates to Duty 2 only; it should not be regarded as litter.

Detritus can include dust, mud, soil, grit, gravel, stones, rotted vegetation, and fragments of twigs, glass, plastic and other materials which can become finely divided. Leaf and blossom falls are to be regarded as detritus once they have substantially lost their structure and have become fragmented.

A list of organisations or bodies subject to each duty are identified below.

Duty 1 Bodies

- ◆ Local authorities
- ◆ Scottish Ministers
- ◆ Certain Crown Authorities that occupy or manage Crown Land
- ◆ Crown Estate Commissioners
- ◆ Crown Estate Scotland
- ◆ Educational institutions including universities, publicly-funded colleges and schools
- ◆ Any operator of a relevant railway asset (such as a railway station and track)
- ◆ Passenger transport executives
- ◆ Light railway/tramway operators
- ◆ Road transport operators, other than taxi or other hire cars
- ◆ Canal operators
- ◆ Port/dock/harbour/pier operators
- ◆ Airport operators
- ◆ Occupiers of relevant land within a Litter Control Area

Duty 2 Bodies

- ◆ Local authorities – in respect of roads for which they are responsible
- ◆ Scottish Ministers – in respect of motorways, and other special roads that are also trunk roads and certain other roads for which they are responsible

Whilst COPLAR identifies the Council's responsibilities and that of other duty holders, the issue of littering and fly tipping on private land is one that causes concern for a number of our residents and communities. It is also a criminal act irrespective of where it occurs. The Council's Environmental Services work closely with private landowners in providing support and advise on how to address the issue.

COPLAR 2018 was updated to align with the previous National Litter Strategy – Towards a Litter-Free Scotland and its aims of litter prevention and increased personal responsibility. A focus on prevention provides opportunity to engage in more proactive activities that encourage behaviour change and complement interventions in other areas. Overall, whilst difficult to measure objectively, the positive impacts of living, working and/or visiting a clean, well-maintained environment are varied, long lasting and significant for both the resident members of the community and for visitors.

What are the main issues we want to tackle?

Litter and fly tipping spoil the places we live, work and visit, and it devalues our beautiful council area. According to the Scottish Litter Survey published by Keep Scotland Beautiful in 2021, '70% of respondents believe that litter is a problem locally, and 88% believe that it is a problem nationally'. This shows that even residents who do not see litter as a problem in their own community, believe it is an issue in Scotland in general.

Other headlines from that report show that people believe litter has the largest impact on the natural environment and animals. It was also stated that there is a smaller, though still notable, impact on house prices and local economic activity.

Through the Litter Strategy we want to tackle these issues of litter, fly tipping and dog fouling. The focus will be on prevention rather than cure, and this will be done through the development of a range of new plans, preventative actions with education, community involvement and significant engagement.

Fly tipping represents waste that is disposed of illegally and irresponsibly and can include anything from a single black bag of household or garden waste to large volumes of tyres and construction waste. In order to tackle this significant wide scale problem, we know we need to work cooperatively not only within the council resources, but with the other land owners. This joined up and strategic working along with education, awareness and enforcement, is the only way we can look to tackle and overcome these issues to protect our communities and natural environment from illegally disposed waste.

There are over 4,000 public litter bins in South Lanarkshire Council. These are a mixture of free standing bins, pole mounted bins and some bespoke variations for certain locations. All the bins accept both litter and bagged dog waste.

South Lanarkshire Council have mapped all the litter bins in the council area to consider better infrastructure, placement and scheduling. The mapping of the litter bins also allows better understanding and visualisation where the bins are currently located for staff, councillors and even residents to find their nearest bin.

Due to the number of litter bins and high servicing costs, we fully assess all requests for new bins using the criteria detailed below:

- ◆ Number and location of existing bins in the area
- ◆ Scale of the litter and dog waste problem
- ◆ Suitability of the location including the need to reduce street clutter

- ♦ Accessibility for prams, wheelchairs and disabled people
- ♦ Can servicing be including in an appropriate route
- ♦ The possibility of valid objections from neighbours

Who is the Litter Strategy For?

The Litter Strategy is for everyone who lives, works and visits South Lanarkshire.

On one hand, it is for the Council who are directly and indirectly involved in activities and initiatives related to litter. It provides guidelines to deliver and support prevention and positive change with respect to education, engagement and enforcement.

On the other hand, because it affects everyone and everyone can contribute, the strategy is also a framework of action for partners, communities, businesses and residents who want to keep their area and local environment clean. The strategy encourages and provides a basis for all stakeholders to develop a Litter Prevention Action Plan to emphasise and promote what they are currently doing within the community, along with raising awareness and encouraging commitment. The Litter Prevention Action Plans also enables council departments, organisations and communities to work together and take collective action to prevent litter and fly tipping by tackling the problem before it occurs.

How was the strategy developed?

The Litter Strategy was developed from the identification of litter and illegal waste issues and opportunities in the Council's area. This included a review of the Council's activities, partners and community initiatives. Discussions with employees, partners and other organisations were held throughout the process as well as public consultations.

The public consultation identified the following six priority objectives that respondents believe are the most relevant to them and their local area.

Use litter, fly tipping and dog fouling enforcement powers as a tool to change the future behaviour of offenders	76%
Increased monitoring and mapping of fly tipping occurrences to identify hotspots	68%
Increased use of preventative measures including CCTV and other trials	62%
Encourage and promote education that leads to long-term positive attitudes to waste and littering	62%
Efficient and effective street cleansing service using zoning information	55%
Work in partnership with the local communities, community groups, council departments, education, and businesses	39%

The Council was also involved in working groups for the National Litter and Flytipping Strategy, the Flytipping Forum and the Litter Managers Network. Involvement in these groups, along with the more general APSE Scotland Parks, Grounds and Streets Advisory Group, has assisted in the development of the strategy through understanding the national picture and areas where we can make improvements.

What are the objectives of the Litter Strategy?

Development of the strategy identified 3 broad themes and a further 15 objectives to ensure delivery of the themes and vision:

Education

- ◆ Provide information, awareness and guidance to the community
- ◆ Run local campaigns along with promotion of national content through Keep Scotland Beautiful and Zero Waste Scotland
- ◆ Encourage and promote education that leads to long-term positive attitudes to waste and littering
- ◆ Work in partnership with the local communities, community groups, council departments, education, and businesses
- ◆ Encourage engagement and the creation of Litter Prevention Action Plans
- ◆ Provide advice on duty of care requirements to residents

Engagement

- ◆ Develop a Litter Bin Plan with mapping of current locations and future innovations
- ◆ Deliver an efficient and effective street cleansing service using zoning information
- ◆ Support local community groups and individuals with advice and the loan of equipment for litter picking
- ◆ Increase monitoring and mapping of fly tipping occurrences to identify hotspots
- ◆ Increase use of preventative measures including CCTV and other trials

Enforcement

- ◆ Use litter, fly tipping and dog fouling enforcement powers as a tool to change the future behaviour of offenders
- ◆ Provide guidance on current legislation on enforcement
- ◆ Continue to develop strong relationships with both internal and external stakeholders including Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Services (COPFS)
- ◆ Engage with other local authorities to establish consistency and best practice

Additional information has been provided for each of the objectives in order to explain why we set it as an objective, what we want to achieve and what we will do to deliver and support change.

Education

Provide information, awareness and guidance to the community

Why did we set this as an objective?

Providing information, awareness and guidance to all members of the community is vital for a greater understanding on the negative effects of litter and fly tipping.

What do we want to achieve?

Residents to be more aware of their actions and take personal responsibility for their waste, and ultimately their community.

What will we do to deliver and support change?

Utilise social media along with information leaflets and local events to get the information out in the community. Also, work with other departments within the council including Education and Housing to support positive related communications.

Run local campaigns along with promotion of national content through Keep Scotland Beautiful and Zero Waste Scotland

Why did we set this as an objective?

National and local campaigns and materials allow messages to be promoted widely with consistent messaging.

What do we want to achieve?

Positive campaigns and messages that people and communities take notice of and impacts their behaviours and actions.

What will we do to deliver and support change?

Continue working closely with our national stakeholders to be involved with campaigns and initiatives that benefit both the local area and Scotland as a whole.

Encourage and promote education that leads to long-term positive attitudes to waste and littering

Why did we set this as an objective?

Education is so important to changing people's behaviours and perceptions. This objective covers education throughout life and not just focused on school environments.

What do we want to achieve?

Life learning that impacts people's behaviour in positive ways.

What will we do to deliver and support change?

Create appropriate educational and awareness content, and make sure it is being distributed through means that cover all age groups and localities, by working in partnership with other departments within the council. We want our communities to understand the negative effects of these issues and why we want a positive shift in behaviour.

Work in partnership with the local communities, community groups, council departments, education, and businesses

Why did we set this as an objective?

This strategy needs everyone to be involved in a coordinated approach to make a difference.

What do we want to achieve?

Effective partnerships and joined up working within communities which encourages lasting change, ownership and collaboration.

What will we do to deliver and support change?

By working in partnership with other stakeholders within the council area, we will more effectively be able to identify local issues and strive for shared goals and outcomes.

Encourage engagement and the creation of Litter Prevention Action Plans

Why did we set this as an objective?

Action plans and commitment from departments, groups and local businesses encourages awareness of the issues and buy in to the strategy.

What do we want to achieve?

Pledges of commitment to tackling litter and fly tipping throughout South Lanarkshire.

What will we do to deliver and support change?

Provide a template and support to help departments and groups develop Litter Prevention Action Plans along with assistance to achieve their specific actions.

Provide advice on duty of care requirements to residents

Why did we set this as an objective?

To provide information on duty of care requirements as some residents are not aware of their obligations with regards to waste.

What do we want to achieve?

Widespread information that householders have a legal obligation (duty of care) to take all reasonable measures to ensure that their waste is disposed of properly.

What will we do to deliver and support change?

Provide information on the topic on our website and social media pages to advise residents of their responsibilities.

Engagement

Develop a Litter Bin Plan with mapping of current locations and future innovations

Why did we set this as an objective?

To provide information about the locations of our litter bin infrastructure, criteria for locations and future improvements and trials.

What do we want to achieve?

Publicly available information that is easy to use and access.

What will we do to deliver and support change?

Launch our litter bin map within our public map app along with providing specific information on a clear webpage.

Deliver an efficient and effective street cleansing service using zoning information

Why did we set this as an objective?

Use the COPLAR zoning information to prioritise resources.

What do we want to achieve?

Publicly accessible zoning information which will help residents and members of the public understand how street cleansing services are effectively and efficiently programmed.

What will we do to deliver and support change?

Promote the Litter Zones map and guidance on COPLAR. We will also continue to use this information when programming our street cleansing.

Support local community groups and individuals with advice and the loan of equipment for litter picking

Why did we set this as an objective?

Our local community groups and volunteers are an invaluable assistance to South Lanarkshire Council and so we want to help and support their activity in every way we can.

What do we want to achieve?

Community groups and volunteers organising and taking part in litter picks safely and effectively.

What will we do to deliver and support change?

Promote and action requests that come in through our Community Clean Up webform for support, equipment, and the uplift of bags. We will also engage in open communication with these groups to establish how we can support them further.

Increase monitoring and mapping of fly tipping occurrences to identify hotspots

Why did we set this as an objective?

Without accurate data and monitoring we can't begin to tackle the large-scale fly tipping problem.

What do we want to achieve?

Full data and mapping information of fly tipping occurrences to enable hotspots and patterns to be identified.

What will we do to deliver and support change?

Continue monitoring and logging fly tipping instances and locations through reports from our contact centre, web form, emails and Councillor enquiries. We also will investigate technological improvements to provide benefits in data and public reporting. Any improvements in reporting will be promoted to the community through PR.

Increase use of preventative measures including CCTV and other trials

Why did we set this as an objective?

Preventative measures reduce the ability of further occurrences taking place.

What do we want to achieve?

We want to prevent these activities occurring by using physical and informational barriers.

What will we do to deliver and support change?

Highlight consistent hotspots to put preventative measures in place. These measures will be reviewed and evaluated to understand how we can improve the measures we put in place.

Enforcement

Use litter, fly tipping and dog fouling enforcement powers as a tool to change the future behaviour of offenders

Why did we set this as an objective?

Education and engagement don't have a positive impact on everyone. Enforcement and the promotion of enforcement powers can also create a shift in the actions of these criminals to produce a positive behaviour change.

What do we want to achieve?

A sustained behaviour change that uses enforcement as a method for improvement, reducing levels of offences as a result.

What will we do to deliver and support change?

Increase the number of fixed penalty notices being issued for offences along with promotion of the activity and the enforcement powers.

Provide guidance on current legislation on enforcement

Why did we set this as an objective?

To provide information on enforcement legislation as some residents are not aware of this area. This also fits in with guidance on duty of care requirements under the Education theme.

What do we want to achieve?

Offenders and the general public being more informed on enforcement and the legislation surrounding it. Promotion of our enforcement successes will highlight action that is being taken against offenders as a precautionary warning.

What will we do to deliver and support change?

Provide information on enforcement and our successes on our website and social media pages. Work with Environmental Services to provide information and guidance to offenders as part of the enforcement process.

Continue to develop strong relationships with both internal and external stakeholders including Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Services (COPFS)

Why did we set this as an objective?

Relationships with stakeholders are important for cooperative working along with progressing plans and initiatives.

What do we want to achieve?

Partnerships that provide mutually beneficial outcomes and information that helps to tackle important issues for the communities.

What will we do to deliver and support change?

Continue working closely with our existing internal and external stakeholders through all levels and resources of the council. Endeavour to develop relationships with new stakeholders.

Engage with other local authorities to establish consistency and best practice

Why did we set this as an objective?

Working and engaging with other local authorities allows open communication about trials and what is working well.

What do we want to achieve?

Best practice working for effectiveness and efficiency. We also want more uniformity in processes across the local authorities which will encourage cooperative and partnership working.

What will we do to deliver and support change?

Continue working closely with other local authorities, especially neighbouring councils. Make best use of the networks and engagement made through APSE and Litter Manager's Network, along with connections through National Stakeholders.

Monitoring and Implementation

The implementation of the strategy will be monitored by tracking the outputs from the objectives and actions and assessing the impacts or the outcomes of the strategy. More specifically, we will follow the progress made to advance the vision of the Litter Strategy and its different objectives: education, engagement and enforcement.

While tracking the implementation (the outputs) is straightforward, monitoring the impacts is more complex. One objective can contribute to different dimensions of the vision.

Formal external monitoring is undertaken through a process known as Local Environmental Audit and Management System (LEAMS) which is administered by Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB). Local environmental quality surveys are carried out at a random selection of sites across South Lanarkshire Council every year. These surveys collect information on litter types and source, along with other indicators such as weeds, graffiti, fly tipping and vandalism to provide an overall picture of every site.

The Council also use enquiries and complaints from the contact centre to monitor work and understand where things are going well or could be improved.

The Litter Prevention Action Plans also allow an ability for monitoring and assessing the actions and targets. This can be used to promote collective action and make sure the stakeholders within the communities are working together to tackle the issues.

To monitor the implementation of the Litter Strategy we will track key performance information such as the LEAMS score, fly tipping data, illegally disposed waste through the Housing Service and random audits.

Work will continue with partners and communities to develop more detailed collaborative actions such as:

- Working with stakeholders on known areas of high fly tipping occurrences or litter hotspots, such as school routes and roadside litter
- ◆ Working with stakeholders on issues such as waste associated with private landlords, increased uptake on the bulk uplift service and contaminated household wheelie bins
- ◆ Working with stakeholders to reduce instances of fly tipping through preventative measures, investigation, and surveillance
- ◆ Continuing to support and develop local community groups, including helping them to create their own Litter Prevention Action Plans

How can you support change?

10 Actions for South Lanarkshire residents

1. Always use a litter bin or take your litter home
2. Pick up after your dog and dispose of the bagged dog waste in a litter bin
3. Keep a bag in the car to contain litter when going on a longer journey
4. Join or organise community litter picking days throughout the year
5. Complete a litter survey through Clean Up Scotland
6. Report any litter and fly tipping occurrences, hotspots or intelligence to the council for investigation and uplift
7. Report damaged or missing litter bins to the council
8. Present residential wheelie bins and bulk waste for collection at the correct time to avoid the waste being spread by the wind

9. Make use of the Council's six household waste and recycling centres and annual free special (bulk) uplift for larger items. If using a private company to remove your waste, make sure they are a reputable company and are registered with SEPA as a waste carrier.
10. Use reusable bottles, cups and containers when out to reduce single-use items and also litter.

10 Actions for South Lanarkshire businesses

1. Display litter prevention posters/information/messages
2. Store your waste securely so it does not cause litter or attract vermin
3. Present business waste for collection at the correct time and location. Make use of off-street service areas if available
4. Organise or join community litter picking days throughout the year
5. Take ownership of litter prevention outside of your premises
6. Engage staff on the importance of litter prevention and that littering and fly tipping are crimes
7. Offer a customer/staff loyalty scheme for reusable bottles, cups and containers to reduce single-use items and also litter
8. Encourage staff to come forward with any litter prevention suggestions
9. Report any litter and fly tipping occurrences, hotspots or intelligence to the council for investigation and uplift
10. Share litter prevention messages on social media

Conclusion

It is time for everyone to play their part in tackling these issues and work together to bring to an end this ever growing problem of littering and fly tipping. Through our strategy's vision and objectives, covering education, engagement and enforcement, the Council is commitment to change. This change will improve our local communities and natural environments along with promoting collaborative action, as no one organisation can tackle this in isolation.

Report

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Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	31 August 2022
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy Update – Quarter 4 2021/2022
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ update the Committee of the status of Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures at Quarter 4 of 2021/2022.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the 2021/2022 Q4 position in respect of actions and measures within the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy be noted.

3. Background

3.1. The Council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy (SDCCS) was approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 6 December 2017 and covers a five-year period from 2017 to 2022. The Strategy sets out outcomes and actions organised around three sustainable development themes:-

- ♦ Sustainable Council
- ♦ Sustainable Environment
- ♦ Sustainable Communities

3.2. Delivery of actions within the Strategy provides the main focus for our sustainable development activity and also enables the Council to fulfil its duties under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003, the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and the Council's contribution to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

3.3. The Strategy action plan sets out specific actions to be undertaken to deliver objectives under each theme. The action plan is monitored using IMPROVe and the progress on the action plan will be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee following Q2 and Q4.

3.4. This report is the final update for the current Strategy and has been supplemented with a report outlining some key achievements over the last five years.

4. Sustainable Development Strategy 2021/2022 Q4 Update

4.1. The action plan progress report comes in two parts; the first part contains performance/contextual measures towards the Strategy's outcomes, and the second part contains improvement actions for each of the themes within the Strategy.

4.2. The overall summary of performance measures at the end of quarter 4 is as follows:-

Total number of performance/ contextual measures		36
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	20 (55%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	0 (0%)
Status - Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target	2 (6%)
Reportable at a later stage	For some measures, the statistics are not yet available to allow us to report whether the target has been reached or not. These will be reported when available	9 (25%)
Contextual	The contextual measures provides a health check for South Lanarkshire. The Council's activities contribute to these measures, however there are many factors that could influence these measures which are not fully within the Council's scope	5 (14%)

4.3. The two red performance measures relate to household waste and recycling. These measures are reported per calendar year to December 2021. There had been slippage on these performance measures in 2021. The percentage of household waste recycled in 2021 was 41.5% (against a target of 50%) and the percentage of household waste recycled at the Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres was 59.3% in 2021 (compared to a target of 64.5%). In the main this is due to residents producing more non-recyclable waste and not segregating waste streams. Both factors can be attributed to the Covid-19 pandemic, as residents continued to work from home, generating additional waste. Waste recycling centres remained open during this period but demand for the sites continued to be extremely high and there was an increase in the amount of residual waste being brought into the sites. It is anticipated that performance will improve as Covid restrictions continue to ease.

4.4. The overall summary of improvements actions at the end of quarter 4 is as follows:-

Total number of improvement actions		74
Status - Blue	Action Complete	15 (20%)
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	40 (54%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	14 (19%)
Status - Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target	2 (3%)

Reportable at a later stage/ contextual	For some measures, the statistics are not yet available to allow us to report whether the target has been reached or not. These will be reported when available	3 (4%)
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- 4.5. Those improvement actions that have a green status are ongoing and will continue to be actioned as part of the new strategy. The actions and measures marked as report later will be reported to Committee along with the Q2 progress report for 2022/2023.
- 4.6. There are two red improvement measures that have had major slippage. As above, these relate to household waste and recycling issues due to the Covid pandemic and the consequent high staff absence levels in the service. There are also 14 amber improvement measures that have had minor slippage. Seven of them had minor slippage as a result of Covid-19 restrictions or Resources reprioritised to continue service delivery during the pandemic. The table below provides details on the seven improvement actions that had slippage not related to Covid-19, and the management action which has been taken:-

Improvement Action	Measures	Management Action
Enable employees to walk and/or cycle for business travel and commuting	Develop case study examples from the 'Cycle to Work' Scheme on the impact this scheme has had on staff engaging in active travel	A survey was completed during 2021/22 and results have been used to action common issues arising from the Cycle to Work Scheme. The findings from the survey will be used during 2022/23 to develop case studies.
Continue to develop procurement processes to improve environmental outcomes and ensure compliance with the Council's sustainable procurement duty	Progress with sustainable procurement actions as identified through the Flexible Framework action plan	Changes to Sourcing Strategy will now be concluded in 2022/23 with guidance from Sustainable Procurement Scotland now issued.
Work in partnership to reduce land and air pollution within South Lanarkshire, minimising the impacts on human health and the natural environment	Progress the development of a formal Litter Strategy that identifies a range of options and timescales to promote the new Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse, with particular emphasis on prevention	The development of the Litter Strategy is progressing for a launch later in 2022. An appropriate timeline for the launch of the Strategy is being confirmed with the new Executive Director of Community and Enterprise Resources. The components of the Strategy, along with certain initiatives have also been started and are progressing well with the main focus on prevention.
	Implement projects approved within the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund (VDLF) framework for 2021/22	A delay in the implementation of an associated project (Clyde Gateway Cuningar Ph.2) has impacted the delivery of 2021/22 funded VDLF projects.

		These projects are being progressed for implementation in 2022/23 on completion of the Cuningar Ph.2 works in summer 2022.
Prepare an Open Space Strategy in partnership with Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership and other council services. Strategy will contain standards on access to and quality of open spaces	Continue with the preparation of the Strategy during 2021/22, which includes audits of existing open space and analysis	The Scottish Government published a consultation on regulations for the preparation of Open Space Strategies in December 2021. It is expected that the regulations will be approved in late 2022. In the meantime, an audit of existing open space continues.
Develop supporting planning guidance in support of the Local Development Plan and the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy action plan to ensure new buildings are designed to be as carbon neutral as possible and resilient to climate change and to encourage the retro fitting of appropriate technology in existing buildings	Supporting Planning Guidance (SPG) to be developed and presented to committee for approval by March 2022 and thereafter be subject to public consultation	The delay in the publication of the draft national planning policy, National Planning Framework 4, has resulted in the timescale for the preparation of the Supporting Planning Guidance to be reviewed. Supporting Planning Guidance on Community Infrastructure Assessment and Local Nature Reserves has commenced and will be out later in 2022. Work has commenced on issues relating to Climate Change.
Provide advice and support to businesses in the transition to a net-zero economy	Develop an Economic 'Response, Recovery and Renewal' Strategy framed around three themes: People, Place and Business, whilst creating the right conditions for a low carbon economy for Committee approval by June 2021	The draft strategy was presented to South Lanarkshire Council on 15 June 2022 as part of a suite of documents accompanying the new Council and Community Plans.

4.7. Progress on all objectives, actions and measures is set out in appendix 1. Some of the highlights from the report include:-

- ◆ The Council's vehicle emissions have continued to fall and it is on target to replace the entire fleet of diesel/petrol cars and small vans with fully electric vehicles by the end of 2024. 28% of the car and small van fleet (202 of 711) are now fully electric.
- ◆ The quality of the paper and card collected at the kerbside improved in 2021, and now exceeds the target of 97%.

- ◆ The Planning Committee approved a further 16 sites as Local Nature Reserves and an extension to the existing one at Langlands Moss. Formal legal declaration of the new Reserves is now underway.
- ◆ Community Planning Partners across Lanarkshire joined both North and South Lanarkshire Councils and the Improvement Service in an event to further embed climate change in community planning. The event focussed on the climate emergency, a green recovery, a just transition, and policy coherence for climate change. Findings from the discussion have been reported back to the Community Planning Partnership Board with recommendations on how to further embed climate change across community planning.
- ◆ Beat the Street Cambuslang and Rutherglen game took place with approximately 60,000 miles travelled sustainably by almost 8,000 people within the first two weeks of the project.
- ◆ The Cycle To Work Scheme launched in May 2021 with 92 applications received and a further launch in November 2021, to coincide with COP26, resulted in a further 18 applications.
- ◆ The Council has been able to further develop its Nature Restoration Programme by bringing together its Scottish Government Nature Restoration Funding with the Council's Climate Emergency Fund. The focus of this Programme is on improving the biodiversity of various Council land sites, including for pollinators.
- ◆ The Council has installed a tree asset management software system that allows the recording of the quantity, quality, nature and condition of the Council's tree assets along with the value they provide in terms of ecosystem. The software will help manage, protect and enhance council trees and support the Clyde Climate Forest.
- ◆ Strathaven Park, Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park have retained their Green Flag status. Strathaven Park has once again been voted in the top 10 in the UK People's Choice vote.
- ◆ A Young People's Sustainability Forum has been established to discuss how young people can lead on aspects of climate change and sustainability within the school curriculum but also how they can influence decision making across the authority. An offshoot of the Forum has been the Climate emergency Newsroom that took place during COP26. The young people reported on events and decision making to their primary school audience. The blog has now been accessed across the world.
- ◆ The Climate Emergency Community Grants scheme was funded by the Climate Emergency Fund and was opened to applicants mid-January 2022, for allocation in 2022/23. By the end of March, 18 applications had been received with approval given on £27,000 worth of grants.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. All Resources are required to contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Climate Change Strategy and Carbon Management Plan to ensure that actions and targets are met. The sustainable development officers and carbon management officer monitor and report the Council's progress.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. Actions within the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy and associated action plan are funded from existing Resource budgets and external funding grants.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy contributes towards the Public Sector Climate Change Duties, the Biodiversity Duty and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. Failure to build resilience and act to the impacts of a changing climate is included in one of the Council's top risks. The development of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy and action plan is a mitigation measure of this risk.
- 8.2. The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy has undergone the Strategic Environmental Assessment process.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. An equality impact assessment was carried out on the sustainable development and climate change strategy.
- 9.2. Public and stakeholder consultation on the sustainable development and climate change strategy were undertaken.

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Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

22 August 2022

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable

Priorities

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress and improve

Outcomes

- ◆ Our children and young people thrive
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible
- ◆ Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee report on 6 December 2017 entitled 'Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy'

List of Background Papers

- ◆ The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009
- ◆ Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022

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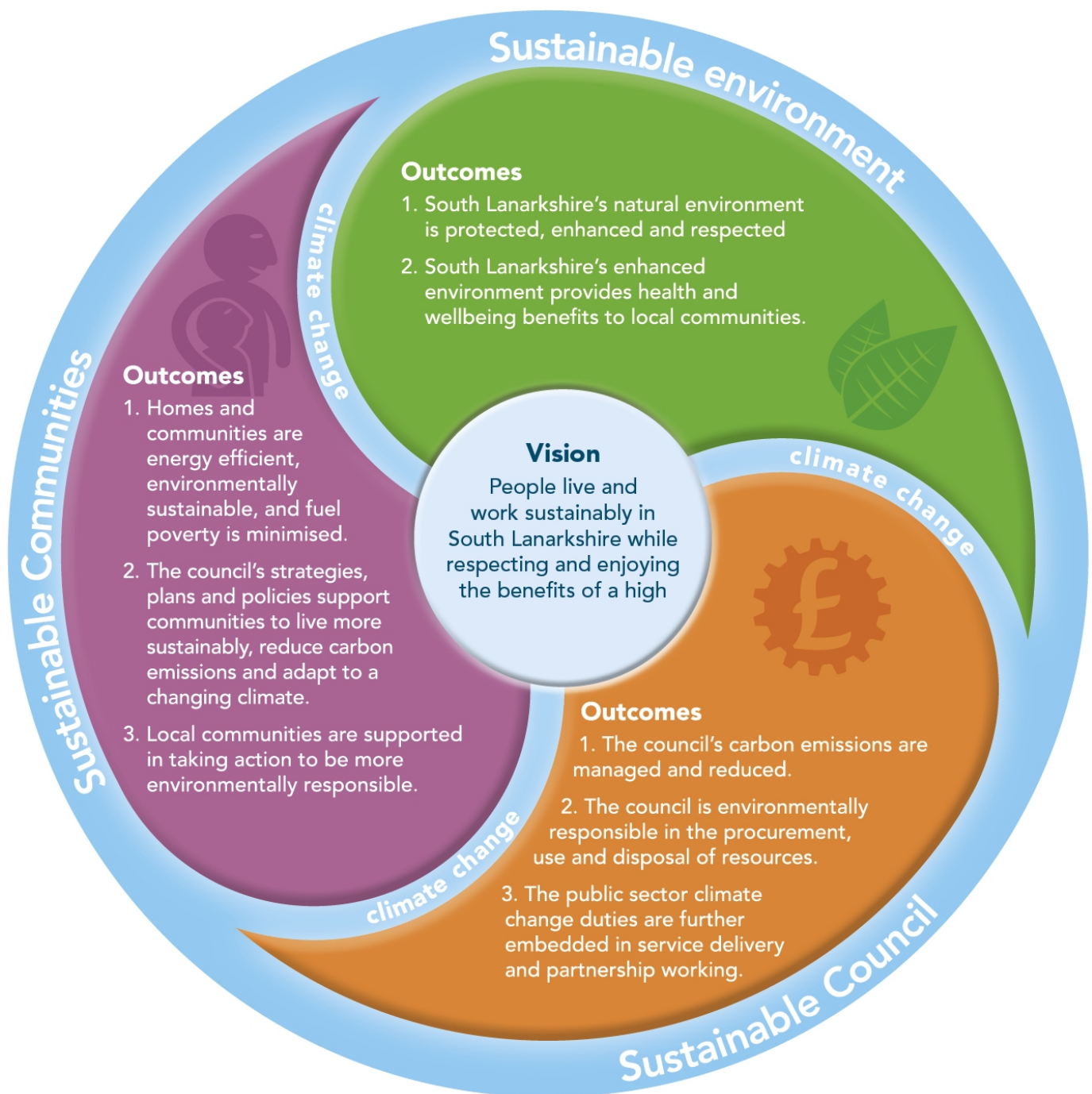
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Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022

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Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022: Vision, Themes and Strategic



Sustainable Development Goals

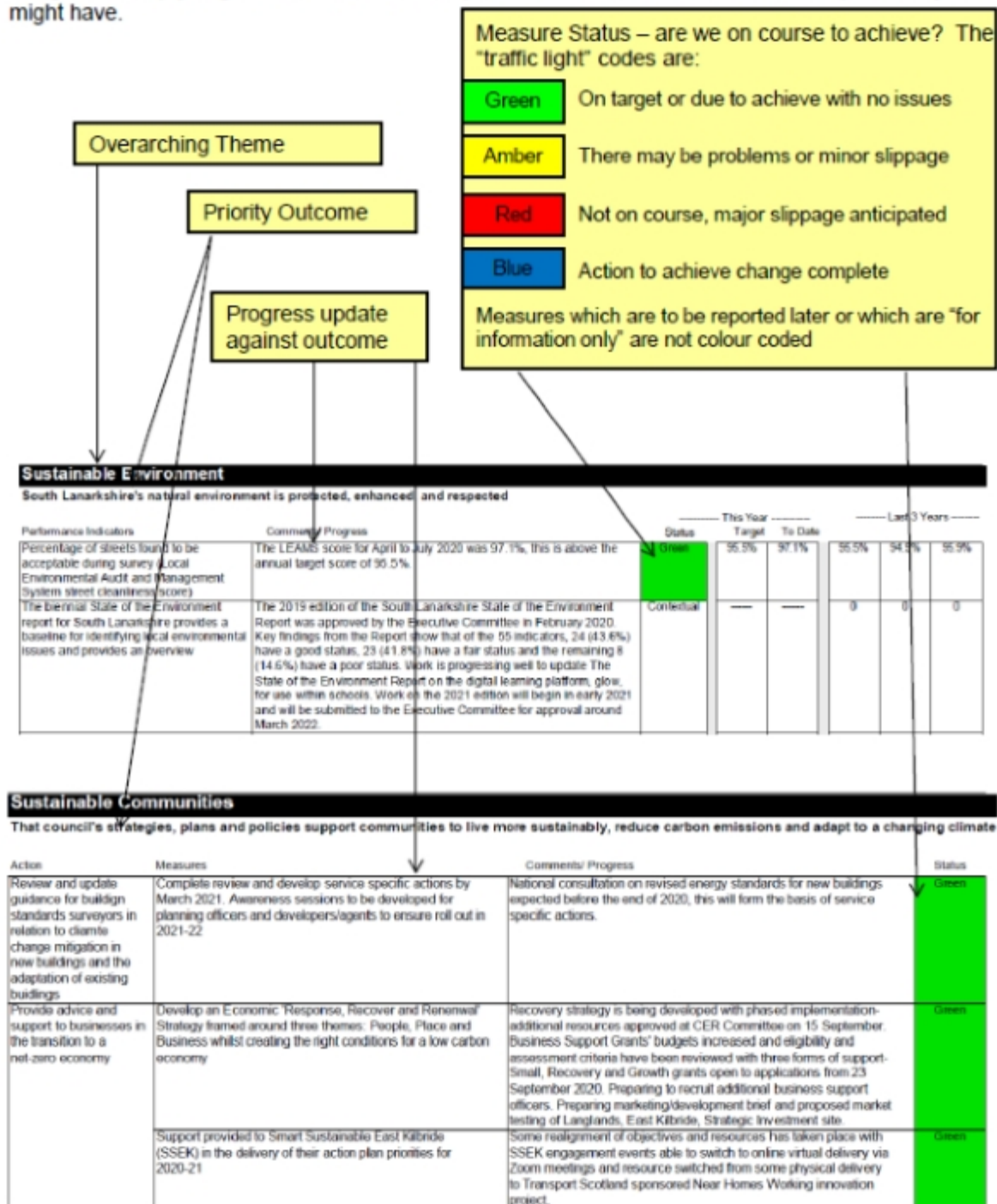
The United Nations has set a series of [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs). These are 'global goals' and targets that are part of an internationally agreed performance framework. All countries are aiming to achieve these goals by 2030. They address the global challenges, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

Scotland has adopted the SDGs and the public sector has a role in contributing to the goals. Each of the Strategy's themes contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals at a local level. The summary below outlines which SDGs each strategy theme contributes to:

Theme	Goal	Sustainable Development Goals
Sustainable Council	South Lanarkshire Council is a leading example in environmental performance across South Lanarkshire and that sustainable development principles and tackling climate change, in response to the climate emergency, underpins all council activities, decisions and actions	      
Sustainable Environment	South Lanarkshire's high-quality natural environment and public spaces provides essential services and shared benefits for people and wildlife	     
Sustainable Communities	South Lanarkshire Council's activities, decisions and actions enable communities, businesses and individuals to live, work and enjoy South Lanarkshire in a more sustainable and environmentally friendly way, help build resilience to the impacts of climate change and a just transition to a net-zero society	             

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Summary (Section 1) - number of Quantitative Measures green, amber and red under each Sustainable Development Theme

Sustainable Development Theme	Green	Amber	Red	Report later / Contextual	Total
Sustainable Council	6			6	12
Sustainable Environment	4			2	6
Sustainable Communities	10		2	6	18
Total	20	0	2	14	36

Summary (Section 2) - number of Improvement Actions complete, green, amber and red under each Sustainable Development Theme

Council Priority/ Theme	Complete	Green	Amber	Red	Report later	Total
Sustainable Council	11	15	3	1		30
Sustainable Environment	2	13	4		3	22
Sustainable Communities	2	12	7	1		22
Total	15	40	14	2	3	74

Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy - Section 1: Quantitative Measures

The following section provides performance and contextual measures for each of the themes in the strategy. The performance measures highlights progress towards each of the outcomes. The contextual measures provide a health check; however, these are not fully in the scope of influence for the Council.

Sustainable Council

The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Reduction in the council's greenhouse gas emissions achieved by March 2022, compared to 2020-21 (buildings, fleet, household waste, street lighting, business travel)	Data for 2021-22 will not be available until July 2022, however, interim data for this year is showing reductions, which have largely been affected by Covid safety measures.	Report Later	5.0%	-----	16.7%	44.0%	19.0%
Overall percentage reduction in the Council's carbon footprint since the Council's original baseline of 2005-06	Carbon emissions for 2022-23 will not be known until later in 2022 (August/September). Carbon emissions reduced by 65% in 2020-21 compared with the baseline year 2005-06. The reductions are due to many projects and initiatives implemented throughout the period as well as reductions in nationally produced carbon conversion factors which are influenced by improvements in the national fuel mix. Carbon emissions reduced by 19% in 2020-21 compared with the previous year but this has largely been affected by the Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions that changed Council service provision throughout the year.	Report Later	-----	-----	35.8%	56.9%	65.0%
Overall percentage reduction in the Council's carbon footprint compared to Scotland's national target of 75% reduction by 2030 (based on 1990 levels)	Carbon emissions for the Council are not available as far back as 1990 which is the national baseline year. If the Council was to assume that we could have reduced by an annual average of 1% between 1990 and 2005 when we started to measure carbon emissions the Council could have achieved as much as an 80% reduction from 1990 to 2020-21. The carbon footprint for 2022-23 will not be known until later in 2022 (August/September).	Report Later	-----	-----	47.8%	68.9%	80.0%
Percentage reduction in energy consumption across the Council's estate for 2020-21 compared to 2013-14 baseline year	This information is reported later 2022 (August/September) as utility data is not complete until mid to late June each year.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Council

The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of non-domestic buildings that are heated through low/zero carbon technologies	There is a Strategic Energy Review underway and this will address how we are going to achieve the 70% target by 2032.	Report Later	70.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Percentage of the Council's cars and light vehicles that are ultra-low emission vehicles	<p>The Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan 2018 – 2032, published in February 2018, sets a target to phase out the need for all petrol and diesel cars from the public sector fleet by 2025.</p> <p>South Lanarkshire Council is on target to replace our entire fleet of diesel/petrol cars and small vans with fully electric vehicles by the end of 2024. Over the past two years we have made steady progress towards this with some 28% of the car and small van fleet (202 of 711) now fully electric.</p>	Green	-----	28.0%	0.0%	0.0%	24.0%

The council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage reduction in the procurement of single-use plastic items across the Council compared to the baseline year of 2018-19	A report which was presented to CMT in June 2022 detailed the reductions for the targeted single use items such as cutlery, cups, straws and food containers. All reduced between 2018-19 and 2021-22 by up to 97% but all by at least 57%. Increases in single use PPE due to Covid-19 was also reported. However, efforts to remove all unnecessary single use items across the council will continue.	Green	-----	57.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-----
Reduce embodied carbon from construction (new builds and refurbishment)	We are setting our current baseline information in order to measure improvement in future designs.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Council

The Public Sector Climate Change Duties are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Self-evaluation results using Climate Change Assessment Tool	Self-evaluation was carried out in June 2021 as part of the development of the sustainable development and climate change strategy. The key results are as follows : Governance 79% Emissions 57% Adaptation 74% Behaviour 70% Procurement 38% Overall 65%. The results will be used to develop priorities and areas for action which will then be included in the sustainable development and climate change strategy action plan.	Green	-----	65%	0%	0%	-----
Carbon emissions in tonnage for South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority. (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. Area-wide figures now include Agriculture and Waste Management.	Green	-----	1,071.0	1,339.0	1,289.3	1,263.2
Percentage reduction on area-wide emissions compared to previous year: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. The reductions in 2020 in South Lanarkshire are in line with Scotland's overall reduction compared to the previous year. Overall figures now include Agriculture and Waste Management.	Green	-----	-10.3%	-6.7%	-3.7%	-2.2%
Per capita: emission within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. South Lanarkshire's emissions per capita is below the Scottish average of 4.1 in 2020 and has improved from previous years.	Green	-----	3.30	4.20	4.10	4.00

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Environment

South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced, and respected

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of streets found to be acceptable during survey (Local Environmental Audit and Management System street cleanliness score)	This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2021-22 data will not be available until January 2023. 2020-21 results show that South Lanarkshire Council continues to score higher for its street cleansing service than the Scottish average, with 94.1% of streets surveyed found to be of an acceptable standard in 2020-21. This is down slightly from 94.8% in 2019-20, however we are still above the Scottish average. It should be considered that since March 2020 we have had to introduce a more fluid service to protect our staff who have been working at the front line during the Covid-19 pandemic to continue to ensure that our streets remain clean and tidy, bins are emptied, and fly tipping is removed. It should also be noted that the Street Cleansing service were finalists in the 2021 APSE Service Awards for the whole of the UK in the category of "Best performer in Street Cleansing".	Report Later	94.1%	-----	94.9%	94.8%	94.1%
The biennial State of the Environment report for South Lanarkshire provides a baseline for identifying local environmental issues and provides an overview of environmental conditions	The 2021 State of the Environment Report was approved by the Executive committee on 2 March 2022.	Green	-----	-----	0	0	-----
Number of Local Nature Reserves declared	16 new and an extension to one existing LNR have now been legally declared.	Green	-----	17	0	0	1
Proportion of LNRs with active community management groups	Community work at sites is ongoing, activities stalled during Covid-19 restrictions.	Green	-----	52.90%	0.00%	0.00%	52.90%

South Lanarkshire's enhanced environment provides health and wellbeing benefits to local communities

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of adults satisfied with parks and open spaces (results from Scottish Household Survey)	This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2020-21 information is not yet available as the publication of the Scottish Household Survey (SHS) satisfaction data has been delayed. 2021-22 data will not be available until January 2023.	Report Later	77.1%	-----	80.4%	77.1%	-----

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Environment

South Lanarkshire's enhanced environment provides health and wellbeing benefits to local communities

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Numbers participating in Get Walking Lanarkshire health walks programme	This measure is the cumulative number of people participating in health walks (i.e. one individual participating in ten health walks would be recorded as ten). It is not the number of individuals who participate in the programme - that data is not easily collected. There is not a set target for this measure.	Green	-----	4,786	0	0	0

Sustainable Communities

Homes and communities are energy efficient, environmentally sustainable, and fuel poverty is minimised

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of Council dwellings that are meeting the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing 2 (EESH2) by 31 March 2022	No target was set for EESH 1 this year end as it was anticipated we would be reporting on the new EESH 2 standard. However, the Scottish Government published revised guidance stating SHQS element 35 should be measured against meeting the EESH 1 standard. Previous EESH 1 target was 93.10%.	Contextual	-----	98.64%	91.10%	93.39%	93.88%
Housing carbon emissions in tonnage for South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. The trend shows a consistent decrease in South Lanarkshire which is in line with decreases in Scotland overall.	Green	-----	490.4	574.3	536.9	535.2
Percentage reduction on housing area-wide emissions compared to previous year: emissions within the scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. The trend shows a consistent decrease in South Lanarkshire which is in line with decreases in Scotland overall.	Green	-----	-4.5%	-5.8%	-6.5%	-0.3%

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Communities

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Fuel poverty percentage in South Lanarkshire	<p>It is estimated that 22% of all households and 17% of families in South Lanarkshire are affected by fuel poverty according to the Scottish Household Condition Survey 2017-19. There was no survey completed during 2019-21 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The average number of households in fuel poverty remains below the national average of 24%.</p> <p>The Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy)(Scotland) Act 2019 sets a national target for 2040, where no more than 1% of households are in fuel poverty.</p>	Contextual	-----	22.0%	0.0%	20.0%	22.0%

That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of total household waste that is recycled	<p>Measure is reported per calendar year. The figure for quarter four (October to December 2021) was 37.21%. This equates to 41.50% for 2021, which is higher than the 2020 figure (40.5%), but remains below the target figure of 50.00%.</p> <p>Higher residual waste tonnages collected at the kerbside due to Covid-19 and home-working, high residual waste content in bulk uplifts (black bag waste accepted), and more non-recyclable waste being disposed of in Household Waste Recycling Centres, are all factors that need to be taken into account when understanding the household waste recycling performance.</p>	Red	50.00%	41.50%	44.30%	46.40%	40.50%

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Communities

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of material accepted by the council's paper and card processor (compared to 2020/21 figure)	Measure is reported per calendar year. The quality of the paper and card collected at the kerbside improved in 2021, and now exceeds the target of 97%.	Green	97.0%	97.1%	-----	97.0%	94.1%
Percentage of household waste recycled at the council's household waste and recycling centres	Measure is reported per calendar year. The percentage of household waste recycled at Household Waste Recycling Centres was 59.29% in 2021. In the main this is due to residents bringing in more non-recyclable waste and not segregating waste streams. Both factors can be attributed to the Covid-19 pandemic, as residents continued to work from home, generating additional waste. It is worth noting that the percentage of waste recycled at these sites in Jan-March 2020 (pre-pandemic) was 62.07%, while the figure in Jan-March 2021 was 53.31%. This illustrates the impact that the pandemic has had on household waste composition.	Red	64.5%	59.3%	-----	64.5%	63.3%
Percentage of household waste sent to landfill in 2021	Measure is reported per calendar year. The percentage of household waste sent to landfill in 2021 was 8.66%, which is better than the 15% target.	Green	15.0%	8.7%	-----	-----	9.7%
Number of properties prone to flooding in South Lanarkshire	SEPA's 2018 National Flood Risk Assessment published the no. of properties predicted to be at risk within South Lanarkshire during a medium likelihood (1:200yr) flooding scenario:- Homes: 6,600 out of 148,200 (1 in 22). Businesses and Services: 1,900 out of 17,500 (1 in 9). Total: 8,500 out of 165,700 (1 in 19).	Contextual	-----	8,500	0	0	8,500

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Communities

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of adults travelling to work by active or public transport (Scottish Household Survey)	Transport Scotland have advised that due to the Covid-19 pandemic there was a smaller sample size for the Scottish Household Survey in 2020 and all interviews were by telephone rather than face to face. As a consequence data is not available for individual local authorities. We await on whether information will be available later this year for 2021.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	-----
Percentage mode share of children travelling to school by active or public transport (annual national 'Hands Up' survey)	There were 59% of children travelling to primary and secondary school by active or public transport during 2021 (excluding nursery). 40.4% walked, 2.9% cycled, 2.3% by scooter/skate and 13.3% by bus. This is a slight decrease of 0.8% when compared to 2020 date which was 59.8% (39.4% walked, 2.8% cycled, 1.9% by scooter/skate and 15.7% by bus). Walking and cycling have however marginally increased by 1% and 0.1% respectively. Nationally in 2021 and 2020 these figures were 64.8% and 65.3% respectively.	Green	-----	59.0%	0.0%	0.0%	59.8%
Number of charging infrastructure points available to the public within South Lanarkshire	Number of charging infrastructure points available to the public within South Lanarkshire Project PACE saw 80 additional charge points installed within the SLC area, with an additional 10 charging points coming from other funding during the current financial year. In total the council has 133 public charge points across South Lanarkshire.	Contextual	-----	133	44	42	43
Carbon emissions tonnage for transport emissions in South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. The trend shows a decrease in South Lanarkshire in 2020 compared with the previous year which is in line with a decrease in Scotland overall.	Green	-----	278.7	364.0	367.2	346.9
Percentage reduction in carbon emissions from transport compared to previous year: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. The trend shows a decrease in South Lanarkshire in 2020 compared with the previous year which is in line with a decrease in Scotland overall.	Green	-----	-20.0%	2.1%	0.9%	-5.5%

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Carbon emission tonnage for industry in South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. The trend shows a consistent decrease in South Lanarkshire which is in line with the decrease for Scotland overall. This figure is for Industry and Commercial.	Green	-----	214.1	337.6	333.1	328.4
Percentage reduction in carbon emissions from industry in South Lanarkshire compared to previous year: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. The trend shows a consistent decrease in South Lanarkshire which is in line with the decrease for Scotland overall.	Green	-----	-11.4%	-15.4%	-1.3%	-1.4%

Local communities are supported in taking action to be more environmentally responsible

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of schools actively engaged with the eco-schools programme	All 20 secondaries, 128 primaries, and 22 nurseries are registered with the ECO Schools initiative, with 52 establishments currently holding the Green flag award.	Contextual	-----	100.0%	0.0%	-----	-----
Number of volunteer days from the Environmental Volunteering programme across South Lanarkshire during 2020-21	The Environmental Volunteering Programme has shown further signs of recovery to near pre-Covid levels. A wider range of site management activities were achieved during quarter four. The target was reduced in 2020-21 and 2021-22 (from 2,000 to 1,000), to account for the impact of Covid-19.	Green	1,000	4,168	1,743	8,221	2,380

Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy - Section 2: Improvement Actions

The following section provides improvement actions that contribute towards meeting the outcomes in each theme for this financial year.

Sustainable Council

The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Establish new carbon reduction targets for the Council in line with the climate change bill 2019	Review carbon reduction targets and recommend new targets for the Council, with approval from the climate change and sustainability committee by March 2022	A short term reduction target of 5% for financial year 2022-23 has been agreed and plans are in place for how this will be achieved. A longer term reduction of zero direct emissions by 2038 was agreed by CMT in May 2022.	Complete
Continue to implement energy efficiency measures across council facilities including investment in renewable energy solutions and low/zero-carbon heating	Number of projects delivered as part of the CEEF programme during 2021-22	The majority of the projects on the programme have now been delivered. However, a small number have been delayed due to restrictions on working practices arising from Covid-19.	Amber
	Agree a strategy for the transition of non-domestic buildings to low/zero carbon heating	A consultant has been appointed with a view to assisting in the development of a strategy for the transition of non-domestic buildings to low/zero carbon heating which will include identification of pilot projects. A report on the base line position in relation to the carbon footprint of our non-domestic buildings has been prepared. Funding has been secured for three feasibility studies the results of which will inform decisions on the technical options and costs associated with the decarbonisation of the property estate.	Green
Create the conditions for the decarbonisation of the council's fleet	Implement year two of the Fleet Strategy (2020-2025) Action Plan and monitor its impacts, including emissions reduction levels and the trialling of new technologies	Work with Resources to manage vehicle utilisation, identify opportunities to increase productivity and to source/procure suitable low carbon vehicles is ongoing. Fleet continue to develop electric vehicle charging infrastructure to support the rollout of electric vehicles across Resources, including the 100% electrification of the pool car fleet. Vehicle emissions remain on a downward trend despite the size of the fleet not yet having reduced to its pre-Covid-19 level.	Complete
Enable employees to walk and/or cycle for business travel and commuting	Activities/initiatives implemented during 2020-21 to enable and encourage, where possible, employees to walk and cycle for business travel and commuting	Cycle To Work Scheme launched May 2021 with 92 applications received and further launch in November 2021 to coincide with COP26 resulted in a further 18 applications. Sustrans Workplace Journey Challenge March 2022 highlighted to staff in February 2022.	Complete
	Review number of cycling friendly locations during 2021-22	Brandon Gate has been designated as Cycle Friendly Status.	Green

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Council

The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Develop case study examples from the 'Cycle to Work' Scheme on the impact this scheme has had on staff engaging in active travel	Cycling Survey developed and results from this will be used to develop case studies. The results from the survey helped to action some of the common issues that were raised e.g. increasing the amount to purchase from £1,000 to £2,000 and from 2022 the scheme will be open all year round rather than for a specific period during the year.	Amber

The council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Continue to develop procurement processes to improve environmental outcomes and ensure compliance with the council's sustainable procurement duty	Progress with sustainable procurement actions as identified through the Flexible Framework action plan	The Procurement Service continues to update the Flexible Framework actions and these are reported in the Procurement Annual Report.	Green
	Consider wider training opportunities on use of prioritisation tools	Procurement has completed the Sustainable Procurement Prioritisation Framework in conjunction with Sustainable Procurement Scotland by the end of March 2022.	Green
	Update Sourcing Strategy to further embed sustainability measures from evaluation to contract management	Changes to Sourcing Strategy will now be concluded in 2022-23 with guidance from Sustainable Procurement Scotland.	Amber
	Using the prioritisation tool undertake prioritisation assessments for construction, social care and information technology categories	The prioritisation tool is complete.	Complete

Sustainable Council

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Promote the 'reduce, reuse and recycle' principle across the Council to make better use of materials and create less damage to the environment	Initiatives implemented during 2020-21 to reduce single use items across the Council	The planned initiatives for reducing single use items has been stalled due to the council coffee shops being closed for most of the year. An analysis of the procurement of a number of single use items including disposable PPE has been carried out and reported to CMT. Overall reductions have been achieved for the targeted items but the use of single use PPE has increased due to Covid-19. Work will continue in raising awareness and reducing the need for the remaining unnecessary single use items.	Green
	Initiatives implemented during 2020-21 to recycle more within Council workplaces	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 Ed staff have acted as Supervisors to the crew, loaders, Civic Amenity Site Staff and Delivery drivers throughout the pandemic. The adaptability of Waste Ed 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
	Introduce a reuse scheme for employees and investigate expanding this to schools	Investigations are underway into a reuse scheme for Council equipment and furniture.	Green
	Involvement in national campaigns promoting the circular economy	Supported various national campaigns with global staff emails and intranet/The View articles and social media posts. Campaigns included Recycle Week 2021, Plastic Free July, Love Food Hate Waste, Single use plastics new legislation, Food Waste Action Week, Reuse Beats Single Use and Be a Net Zero Hero.	Green
Establish further baselines for performance measures to demonstrate 'The Council is	Develop an understanding of the emissions from the Council's supply chain to further reduce emissions from procurement of goods and services	Discussions with the Procurement Team have taken place to understand how emissions from our supply chain could be quantified. External advice has also been sought and we are awaiting further guidance on how public sector could measure emissions from the supply chain consistently.	Green

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Council

The council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources'	Further mainstream the principles of a circular economy in the Council's procurement of goods and services, and service delivery	This action will be explored within the new Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy action plan 2022-27.	Green

The public sector climate change duties are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Review and conclude the council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy (2017-2022), and develop the new strategy (2022-2027)	Complete review and development sessions with various stakeholders including Council officers, local community groups, members of the public, young people in schools and further education, Community Planning Partners, and local businesses, by August 2021	Engagement sessions undertaken as part of the development of the strategy are now complete. This included: workshops and focus groups involving approximately 100 people from both the council and wider community; and a wider survey based on the findings from those previous events (over 800 responses were received from the survey).	Complete
	Develop a draft strategy for the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee approval by September 2021	An elected members session took place on 8 October to review the draft structure of the strategy based on the engagement sessions and national targets and milestones. A report on the ongoing process for the development of the strategy, in particular public consultation on the proposed vision, themes, and priorities, was presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 3 November. A draft of the strategy and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment was out for public consultation and the findings were incorporated into the final strategy.	Complete
	Undertake a public consultation on the draft strategy and Strategic Environmental Assessment by December 2021	A draft of the strategy and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment was out for a six week public consultation throughout February and March 2022, and the findings were incorporated into the final strategy.	Complete

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Council

The public sector climate change duties are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Develop final strategy for the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee approval by March 2022	Final Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy has been approved by CMT and South Lanarkshire Council committee. Will be presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in August which is the first available date after local elections and summer recess. Thereafter the strategy will be published on the council website.	Complete
Continue a collaborative approach to climate adaptation and resilience through the city region's Climate Ready Clyde Partnership	The Council's contribution to implementing year 1 of Climate Ready Clyde's Adaptation Strategy Action Plan	The Council is a member of the LA forum that has been set up across the city region to take forward flagship action 1 in the CRC action plan.	Complete
Continue to raise awareness of climate adaptation and resilience across the Council, build internal capacity, accelerating adaptation action, and encourage dialogue on climate adaptation and resilience with communities	Apply Adaptation Scotland's Capability Framework to understand the Council's capability level and areas for improvement	The Council are part of the Adaptation Scotland Benchmarking Tool working group. Benchmarking work is at an early stage and will continue as part of the new sustainable development and climate change strategy action plan.	Green

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Ensure Strategic Environmental Assessment of all appropriate policies, plans, programmes and strategies is undertaken	Produce annual SEA report for Executive Committee, and other governance groups, which includes an assessment of the impact the SEA process has had on the preparation of the plans, policies and strategies, and the difference it had on the final documents	Draft Report prepared for Executive Committee's noting following elections.	Green
Maximise funding to further deliver the Council's climate change duties (mitigate, adapt and act sustainably) across the Council and wider area	Create a plan that maximises the environmental impact across South Lanarkshire using the £2m Climate Challenge South Lanarkshire budget and establish performance measures for each project to report impact	Report presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in April 2021 outlined the plan for maximising the climate emergency fund. Agreed focus areas of communications, funding/investment, green economy, and energy efficiency. Four officers are in post with one more officer being recruited. Twelve internal projects and feasibility studies have been funded and 18 applications from local community groups have been received. Performance measures for projects have been agreed and will be reported regularly to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee.	Green
Introduce the changes from the Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 which comes into to force for reporting year 2021-22	Establish how the Council will align its spending plans and use of resources to deliver its emission reduction targets	This action will be explored within the new Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy action plan 2022-27.	Green
	Investigate setting targets for indirect emissions and a date for zero direct emissions for the Council	Long term reduction targets including targets for indirect emissions will be agreed as part of the development of the new Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy. It was agreed by CMT that a target of zero direct emissions by 2038 should be set and plan for how to achieve this should be agreed throughout 2022-23.	Green
	Publish an annual report on the Council's progress in achieving its carbon reduction targets on the Council website by 30th November 2021	This report was submitted to Scottish Government on 30th Nov 2021.	Complete

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Build on current partnerships and relations across South Lanarkshire that will support and enable a transition to net-zero area-wide emissions and mitigate climate risks	Work with Community Planning Partners in embedding climate change action in the work of the CPP and planning for place with a proposal for a collaborate approach to tackling climate change in South Lanarkshire to the CPP board in June 2021	A climate action development session was held with the CPP Board in November. Findings from that session and the pan Lanarkshire climate change workshop held in June 2021 were presented to the CPP Board in December 2021 and March 2022. It was proposed and agreed that mainstreaming sustainable development and climate change are considered as part of the wider CPP structure review.	Complete
	Investigate the potential of establishing a South Lanarkshire Climate Change Charter/Statement to allow businesses to sign up to	This will be explored in the new sustainable development and climate change strategy action plan 2022-2027	Green

Sustainable Environment

South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced and respected

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Work in partnership to reduce land and air pollution within South Lanarkshire, minimising the impacts on human health and the natural environment	Progress the development of a formal Litter Strategy that identifies a range of options and timescales to promote the new Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse, with particular emphasis on prevention	The development of the Litter Strategy is progressing for a launch later in 2022. We are currently confirming an appropriate timeline with the new Executive Director of Community and Enterprise. The draft vision/objectives and the public consultation have been completed. The components of the strategy along with certain initiatives have also been started and are progressing well with the main focus on prevention.	Amber
	Implement Air Quality Action Plan for 2021-22 which contributes to improving air quality in South Lanarkshire	In March 2022, Environmental Services again submitted our grant application to Scottish Government for funding to support a number of air quality action plan projects for 2022-23. Funding award notification is expected in May 2022 and this will shape the projects taken forward. The sustain stage of the Beat the Street project is ongoing and continues to support the local community in terms of active travel choices. This year's Engine Idling campaign is continuing with localised promotion of the 'no idling' message at key target schools. The Love to Ride South Lanarkshire project is ongoing with both the 'Winter Wheelers' and 'Ride Anywhere Week' cycling promotional events having been completed. Preparations are currently underway for the May Bike Month promotion.	Green
	Implement the Contaminated Land Strategy for South Lanarkshire	Work continues on implementing the Contaminated Land Strategy. The development control process delivery continued throughout 2021-2022 to consider sites affected by historical industrial legacy contamination. Examples of this include Clyde Gateway (Cambuslang/Rutherglen) regeneration, signify (Hamilton) factory site re-development, as well as the former Motorola (East Kilbride) site re-development.	Green

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	Implement projects approved within the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund framework for 2021-22	VDLF report was approved at Community and Enterprise Resources Committee on 28 September 2021. A delay in the implementation of an associated project (Clyde Gateway Cuningar Ph.2) has impacted the delivery of 2021-22 funded VDLF projects. These projects are being progressed for implementation in 2022-23 on completion of the Cuningar Ph.2 works in summer 2022.	Amber
Prepare an Open Space Strategy in partnership with Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership and other council services. Strategy will contain standards on access to and quality of open spaces	Continue with the preparation of the strategy during 2021-22, which includes audits of existing open space and analysis	The Scottish Government published a consultation on regulations for the preparation of Open Space Strategies in December 2021. It is expected that the regulations will be approved in late 2022. In the meantime, an audit of existing open space continues but progress has been delayed by resourcing issues.	Amber
	Establish baseline for proportion of population in South Lanarkshire that has access to good quality open space	This work is related to the preparation of an Open Space Strategy. A Scottish Government consultation on the associated regulations for this duty finished on 31 March 2022 with the approved version likely to be published later in 2022. In the meantime an audit of existing open space is currently being carried out.	Report Later

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Implement the Council's Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan	Actions delivered within the Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan during 2020-21 and the impact these actions have made to improving biodiversity across the Council's estate	<p>Existing actions are being assessed as part of development of a new BDIP from 2023. Biodiversity action within the Council is ongoing and being continually progressed.</p> <p>Actions during 2021-22 include: A new suite of Local Nature Reserves was declared by the Council in 2022. 16 new LNRs and a doubling of the existing Langlands Moss LNR. The number of LNRs increased from one to 17 and the area of LNRs increased from 20ha to 617ha. A programme of pollinator-friendly planting and wild-flower planting (8 ha) was undertaken on Council land through the Nature Restoration Programme.</p> <p>The BDIP will be revised in association with the next Biodiversity Strategy. The current documents have been extended for a year to reflect the next Scottish Biodiversity Strategy due late 2022/early 2023.</p>	Green
Continue to work in partnership to deliver actions from South Lanarkshire's Biodiversity Strategy 2018-2022	The Council's progress on the delivery of actions from the South Lanarkshire's Biodiversity Strategy during 2020-21	Actions within the Strategy are being assessed as part of a year long extension to the timescale, due to development of a new Scottish Strategy. Majority of SLC projects are complete or ongoing, with few to be completed/reviewed. Some timetables have slipped due to Covid-19 restrictions but in general biodiversity related work is increasing.	Complete
	Develop case study examples demonstrating the impact from partnership projects during 2020-21	The Biodiversity Duty Report to Scottish Government 2018-20 included key achievements as case studies. Further examples will be pulled together for future reports and as part of the new SL Biodiversity Strategy.	Complete

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Maximise the use of our natural environment to help mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change	Details of nature-based solution projects that contribute to mitigate or adapt to climate change during 2020-21	Flood studies were undertaken for Hamilton Low Park, Langlands Moss and Mossneuk LNRs to inform future potential for nature-based solutions projects. Biodiversity project work is ongoing with actions to be completed as part of Nature Restoration Programme. Feasibility studies are also being developed.	Green
	Establish a South Lanarkshire canopy cover target for 2032	Outputs from Clyde Climate Forest (CCF) and Forest Research's Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) analysis identified a South Lanarkshire UTC of 17.2% (This is just above the Glasgow City Region UTC of 17%, however 2.8% below the CCF's core canopy target of 20% by 2032). As set out previously South Lanarkshire's Canopy Cover overall is coincidentally also 17.2% (1.3% below current Avg. forest and woodland cover for Scotland, and 3.8% below Scottish Government's target of 21% by 2032). Establishing an interim minimum UTC target of 20%, and minimum of 21% for all other areas by 2032 is recommended.	Green

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	Develop interactive web based urban forestry tools to explore, share and communicate, and express the increase in value (ecosystem services) potential tree planting could bring to the community in monetary terms	The council has been in detailed discussions with a specialised software provider to refine the required data and quotation. The council has put this project on hold while it waits to evaluate the soon to be launched Scottish National Tree Canopy map.	Report Later
	Contribute and support the objectives of the Clyde Climate Forest (CCF) project	<p>The council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reviewed CCF's Urban Tree Canopy data for south Lanarkshire -planted circa 21.5k trees, with community involvement in some sites. Including 22 community type orchards (>5 trees) involving around 1,000 trees. -Actively participates in CCF working and steering group and at a service level supports the work of the CCF team and the CCF Delivery Partners -Worked with the CCF team to identify three initial 'target neighbourhoods' (Blantyre, Rutherglen and Burnbank). Started identifying potential tree planting sites for CCF's intended target of '1,000 trees' this planting season in each of the target neighbourhoods. -Is in the process of Identifying other council land holdings for consideration for potential tree planting (circa 159 sites and 280 individual trees) -Contributed to the ongoing development of CCF Concordats 	Green

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	Create and maintain a record of the Council's existing tree resource to understand the quantity, quality and the value it provides in terms of ecosystem services - such as carbon sequestration, air quality improvement or water uptake - expressed in monetary terms	The council has started to create and populate easy-to-use records of its tree resource within the centralised Tree Asset Management software using new tablets. Focused on target neighbourhoods, tree demographics and the ecosystem services they provide in monetary terms has now been collected and calculated for circa 4,209 individual trees (from circa 63,814 individual trees). From a desktop exercise extremely limited information has also been collected for 228 larger tree features/woodlands/forests (from circa 3,544 features).	Green
Protect, enhance and respect South Lanarkshire's natural environment	Prepare a plan to inspect trees for signs of ash dieback disease	A report has been drafted by the Arboricultural Officer on ash dieback disease. Desktop survey work and site visits have allowed us to plot affected areas using our new IT software (tree plotter). Meetings have been held with colleagues in roads to discuss and advise on the issue as the risk of major arterial routes being blocked by fallen trees could be a wider issue for the council. Additional funding has been allocated for 2022-23 to assist further with the identification of diseased trees to allow the locations to be added to tree plotter.	Green
	Investigate potential for increasing number of Local Nature Reserves	South Lanarkshire Council currently have one local nature reserve (LNR) at Langlands Moss, with 16 additional local nature reserves approved by the Planning Committee in October 2021. Formal legal declaration of 14 new reserves is now underway. Legal Services have prepared the Declaration and Notice. Legal have also produced the "Common Good Notice" for public consultation on parts of the remaining 2 sites which contain parcels of common good land. The consultation process is now complete and the full list of the new LNR sites has been advertised.	Green

Sustainable Environment

South Lanarkshire's enhanced environment provides health and wellbeing benefits to local communities

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
In partnership with local communities, continue programme of restructuring council owned woodland and improving recreational access	Consult on Management Plans for Bothwell and Blantyre Woods with community interests, David Livingstone Centre and other stakeholders by March 2022	A draft Management Plan was developed in 2019 for Bothwell Woods. Although some initial discussions took place with David Livingstone Trust, delays due to Covid-19 restrictions and lockdowns prevented planned public meetings and exhibitions. Consequently, we now propose taking the opportunity to update the plan to take account of the increasing need to address the ash-dieback issues, before embarking on the wider public consultation.	Amber
	Continue to explore funding opportunities for phase 2 regeneration work at Greenhall and Millheugh, Blantyre including costed proposals for replacement river crossing	A replacement river crossing is required at Milheugh. Funding has been secured to enable a bridge to be designed. This design work was programmed for quarter four but limited design engineer availability has now pushed this into 2022/23. The costed design will enable wider funding to be sought for the construction. The Green Action Trust and the Friends of the Calder will assist securing funding bids for the bridge.	Green
Contribute to community health and wellbeing through well managed and accessible outdoor	Retain Green Flag accreditation at Strathaven Park, Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park, through implementation of agreed action plans for 2021-22	All three parks: Strathaven, Castlebank and Cambuslang, successfully retained their Green Flag Status. Strathaven again was rated as one of the top ten parks in the country as the peoples choice. Work has commenced on both action plans and management plans for 2022.	Green

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and greenspace	Undertake sample case studies to determine impacts – including % of volunteers expressing positive experience/ health benefits	<p>Following the easing of the Covid-19 restrictions, levels of environmental volunteering have shown further signs of increase. Throughout the pandemic, locally based management and “friends” groups continued to function, primarily through social media. During 2021-22, 4168 volunteer days were recorded. This is now close to the pre-pandemic levels.</p> <p>The March 2022 Environmental Volunteer newsletter details a wide range of this activity. This newsletter is available on the Council website. Case study sampling will take place later in 2022.</p> <p>The Lanarkshire Green Volunteering Network continued to support and provide environmental volunteering opportunities.</p>	Report Later
Encourage recreational and active travel, and access to the outdoors by implementing Outdoor Access Strategy and extending Clyde Walkway	Delivery of repairs programme to footbridges across the core path network by March 2022 in line with available external and internal capital funding (The Core Paths Plan)	Further small to medium-scale repairs of boardwalks and bridges were undertaken across several sites by Grounds Services and Countryside and Greenspace teams during quarter four. In addition, access management improvements were introduced across/around Flatt Bridge, East Kilbride. The Unpaid Work Service and environmental volunteers are not yet back to pre-Covid levels, and so this remains a constraint.	Green
	Develop plan for linking The Clyde Walkway to ‘Scotland’s Great Trails’ long-distance strategic access network	The strategic framework is incorporated within the South West Scotland Green Action Travel project proposal bid being developed in conjunction with Scottish Borders Council and Dumfries & Galloway Council. Consultants have been appointed and are undertaking a detailed evaluation of route options and costs to achieve these links. They will report by June 2022. This will inform a bid for Levelling Up Funds to be prepared in quarter one/two of 2022-23.	Green

Sustainable Communities

Homes and communities are energy efficient, environmentally sustainable, and fuel poverty is minimised

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Explore options for innovative and affordable low carbon energy and heating solutions in local areas that will contribute towards national climate change ambitions	During 2021-22 consider and prepare for the development of a new Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) in line with the Scottish Government's proposed implementation date of 2023	<p>As part of the preparation and development towards a full LHEES Strategy required by December 2023, the council is one of 14 Scottish local authorities to access the latest Scottish Government Resource Call for the next phase of LHEES pilots.</p> <p>This project looks to build on the previous South Lanarkshire LHEES pilot, completed in 2019, following updated methodology created by the Scottish Government. The project will aim to expand existing energy and decarbonisation data sets for domestic and non-domestic buildings across all areas of South Lanarkshire. To support its delivery, the council have appointed a leading environmental and climate change consultant to deliver the work, estimated to be completed by May 2022.</p> <p>In addition, the council will be establishing a cross Resource officer group to take forward the development of the strategy during 2022/23, building on the knowledge gained from the pilot projects and ensure all services of council are involved in this new statutory requirement.</p>	Green
Continue to improve the energy efficiency of the Council's housing stock contributing towards national climate change ambitions	The Housing Investment Programme continues to incorporate sustainable changes to the Council's housing stock during 2021-22	Due to the restrictions in place as a result of the coronavirus pandemic only one project was completed in 2021-22. A further two projects were complete by June 2022. The remaining projects in the energy efficiency programme have been carried forward to 2022-23.	Amber

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Continue to maximise Home Energy Efficiency Programme funding to support owners and private rented properties	Total amount of funding secured and delivered for 2021-22 from Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Schemes programme	The EES allocation for 2021-22 was £2,827,822. We have claimed £525,000 on the main programme and a further £269,000 for the EWI at the Travelling Persons Sites and requested Scottish Government agree to accrue £288,500 for work completed in June 2022. We were unable to spend the full 2021-22 allocation due to the impact of restrictions during the Covid-19 pandemic and the impact on the supply/demand and cost of materials.	Amber

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Develop and deliver appropriate partnership actions to provide and promote energy advice and support to households resulting in warmer homes and helping to reduce fuel poverty	Continue to work with local partners within the Fuel Poverty sub-group to reduce fuel poverty	<p>Housing and Technical Resources currently chair the South Lanarkshire Fuel Poverty Sub-Group which has membership from a range of internal services and external partners. This includes Home Energy Scotland, Energy Action Scotland and Citizens Advice Scotland.</p> <p>Through the group a range of actions have been taken to improve support that can be provided to owners and private landlords. This includes energy efficiency and air source heat pump training for front line officers and improvements to published advice on the council and other partners' websites relating to energy consumption and tariffs.</p> <p>In addition, the Resource administer the 'Energy Company Obligation' and 'Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Schemes' grant schemes that direct national funding to make energy efficiency improvements to private homes across South Lanarkshire.</p> <p>Officers also attend various residents' groups to discuss and raise awareness of national support mechanisms available to property owners.</p> <p>Through the Private Landlord Forum hosted by the Resource, officers have also provided details and advice to landlords on the energy efficiency targets and requirements for their properties, alongside support mechanisms available to help achieve them.</p>	Green

Sustainable Communities

That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Undertake participation rate study to establish the % of householders using the council's food waste collection service	Share of households using food caddy to dispose food waste to inform Council initiatives in relation to food waste in the following years of implementation of the strategy (subject to Covid restrictions lifted)	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 Ed staff have acted as supervisors to the crew, loaders, Civic Amenity site staff and delivery drivers throughout the pandemic. The adaptability of Waste Ed 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

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Participation in the Green Heat in Greenspace project being run by Greenspace Scotland	Identify potential opportunities for sources of sustainable heat in South Lanarkshire's greenspace	The Council were one of the partners in this project. A report was provided to SLC identifying potential greenspace and water flow that could be used as a renewable source of energy for heating public buildings. Housing and Technical Resources will use this information as part of their heat assessments for public buildings.	Green

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Manage flooding priorities and deliver prioritised flood protection schemes	Progress/deliver prioritised flood protection projects/studies in line with available capital and revenue funding	<p>River Clyde Flood Modelling and Mapping Project: Work is underway to develop a new hydraulic river model for the River Clyde, produce updated flood maps, and establish current and future flood risk within our area. The cyber-attack experienced by SEPA has severely impacted their ability to review the project's Hydrology and Hydraulics Reports, which has led to delays in this project. Although other project deliverables were brought forward in an attempt to minimise the delay to the programme, the original completion date of May 2021 slipped to December 2021. This project is substantially complete, however some additional modelling work was recently requested which has extended the completion date again into April 2022.</p> <p>Greenlees Drainage Improvement Works: This project includes the reconstruction of the culvert inlet arrangements at Staffa Road in Cambuslang, and the lining of the upstream culvert beneath the A749 East Kilbride Road. The project has been awarded and works were programmed to commence on site in October 2021 with an estimated completion date of December 2021, however due to Covid-19 complications and material delivery delays these original dates were not met. Works commenced on site in November 2021 and were completed in February 2022.</p> <p>Programme of Culvert Maintenance: This is an ongoing programme of works to improve our network of culvert inlets and their surrounding areas in order to improve the performance of our assets and the safety of operatives maintaining these assets. Works identified this year include the repair/replacement of culvert inlet trash screens and the construction of suitable access paths, steps, fencing and handrails.</p>	Green

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Encourage greater use of public transport by working with partners to improve public transport infrastructure	Progress/deliver prioritised improvements to bus and rail infrastructure (e.g. park and ride) in line with agreed Park and Ride Strategy (2018-2027) and available external funding	<p>A number of Park and Ride projects have been taken forward as outlined below: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lanark Interchange Project – Following planning consent being awarded, works have recently been completed for new park and ride provision of approximately 30 new spaces. 2. Cambuslang Park and Ride – Works were completed in summer 2021 and the Park and Ride is open. 3. East Kilbride Rail Enhancement Project – The council is in partnership with Transport Scotland, Network Rail, SPT and Sustrans to take forward park and ride, bus interchange, pedestrian/cycle route access enhancements. Ongoing detailed design discussions are regularly taking place with a programme of works currently being considered following revisions to the rail network provision parts of the project. <p>Bus infrastructure works are complete, with a new bus turning circle constructed in Belstane Gate, Carluke. Bus stop and shelter works at various locations have also been completed with four shelters in Rutherglen recently replaced.</p>	Complete

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Encourage active travel by extending our network of cycle routes	Progress / deliver walking and cycling projects / schemes in line with agreed 2021-22 capital programme	<p>A number of cycling and walking projects are progressing and these are listed below: -</p> <p>1) Active Travel Studies – The three studies for Bothwell, Uddingston and Blantyre Area / Strathaven, Stonehouse and surrounding villages/ and Larkhall, have been completed and posted on the council's website.</p> <p>2) East Kilbride Cycle Network - This project on West Mains Road is split into phases to reflect current and anticipated future funding availability, as well as connecting into the East Kilbride Rail Corridor Enhancement project being taken forward by Network Rail. Construction of a section on West Mains Road between the rail station and a point to the east of Kirktonholm Road is complete. Consultation on a future phase on Churchill Avenue is complete, and the feedback is currently being reviewed.</p> <p>3) Bothwell/Uddingston Cycle Network (NCN74 Raith to NCN75 Uddingston – Consultation on options was undertaken in January 2022. A section of footpath widening between Bellshill Road and North British Road has been completed.</p> <p>4) Carstairs Junction to Carluke – Construction works which include buildouts, speed limit reduction and other associated works were recently completed.</p> <p>5) Cycle Parking Provision in Town Centres – Locations for new shelters have been identified and works were recently completed.</p> <p>6) Cycle Shelters and parking stands in schools – Locations for new shelters have been identified and funding successfully awarded. Shelter works were recently completed.</p>	Complete

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		<p>7) Cycle Route designs currently being taken forward in various locations: Larkhall to Blackwood / Carluke and Law / Hamilton / Lanark / Cambuslang and Newton.</p> <p>8) Car Free Zones at Schools - 2 schools (Burnside Primary School and St Joseph's Primary School) will have zones in place in April 2022.</p>	
	Complete the four Spaces for People projects in line with available funding, taking cognisance of Covid-19 restrictions / developments and government guidance	<p>The project to improve the NCN75 corridor is complete. The remaining 3 projects with associated interventions are continuing and these are detailed below: -</p> <p>1) Active Travel Network (East Kilbride cycle route) – construction of cycle lanes between East Kilbride Rail Station and the Town Centre (Torrance Road / Brouster Hill) and on Cornwall Street - works were completed in May. Consultation on the project is complete and the responses currently being reviewed.</p> <p>2) School Outdoor Environment - Works are completed, subject to a small number of minor works to be undertaken, which has resulted in the implementation of 20mph “zones” at approximately 90 schools. Consultation and monitoring is complete and has been presented the council's Road Safety Forum.</p> <p>3) Town Centres – Works are complete, where 20mph cordons in six town centres (Carluke, Lanark, Bothwell, Strathaven, Larkhall and Uddingston) have been established. Consultation and monitoring is complete and has been presented the council's Road Safety Forum.</p>	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Develop a sustainable food system to overcome social, health, economic and environmental issues related to food	Implement year two of the Good Food Strategy (2020-2025) Action Plan and monitor its impacts. particularly in relation to food insecurity and poverty as a result of Covid-19	The second-year action plan of the Good Food Strategy has been implemented. Detailed information on the implementation of each of the actions will be available in the quarter four food action plan progress reports that will be presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee. The report will include actions and progress in relation to food poverty.	Green
Develop supporting planning guidance in support of the Local Development Plan and the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy action plan to ensure new buildings are designed to be as carbon neutral as	Supporting Planning Guidance to be developed and presented to committee for approval by March 2022 and thereafter be subject to public consultation	The delay in receiving the examination report for the Local Development Plan 2 and the publication of the draft national planning policy, National Planning Framework 4, has resulted in the timescale for the preparation of the Supporting Planning Guidance to be reviewed. Renewable Energy, Householder Development, Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Law Place East Kilbride Supporting Planning Guidance have all been approved. Supporting Planning Guidance on Community Infrastructure Assessment will be out for consultation in April/May 2022. Other Supporting Planning Guidance is being prepared relating to the Local Nature Reserves, and work has commenced on issues relating to Climate Change.	Amber

Sustainable Communities

That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
possible and resilient to climate change and to encourage the retro fitting of appropriate technology in existing buildings	Awareness sessions to be developed for planning officers and developers/agents to ensure roll out in 2022-23	Follow up monitoring delayed due to other workload priorities.	Amber
Review and update guidance for building standards surveyors in relation to climate change mitigation in new buildings and the adaptation of existing buildings	Monitor effectiveness of actions implemented in March 2021 and consider further service specific actions by March 2022	Monitoring did not take place due to other commitments and will take place during 2022-23.	Amber
Provide advice and support to businesses in the transition to a net-zero economy	Develop an Economic 'Response, Recovery and Renewal' Strategy framed around three themes: People, Place and Business, whilst creating the right conditions for a low carbon economy for Committee approval by June 2021	<p>Development of the new Economic Strategy has shifted focus during the year towards a more progressive forward thinking strategy, which sets out clear ambitions over the next five years (2022-27).</p> <p>The draft strategy was presented to the full council on 15th June 2022 as part of a suite of documents accompanying the new Council and Community Plans.</p> <p>The proposed vision is "to make South Lanarkshire a flourishing, green, dynamic and equitable place for communities, visitors, businesses and investors", and the strategy continues to be framed around the three themes of sustainable, inclusive economic development – People, Place and Business.</p>	Amber

Sustainable Communities

That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Support provided to Smart Sustainable East Kilbride (SSEK) in the delivery of their action plan priorities for 2021-22 (subject to approval of Council and other funding partners)	Officers maintaining dialogue with key partners. A review of the East Kilbride Taskforce and SSEK is ongoing. This will determine the future role and relationship.	Amber
	Work with partners and local businesses in the approved Low Carbon Challenge Fund project to identify the challenges and opportunities in the repurposing of assets in the key sectors of renewables, aerospace and rail	Discussions are ongoing with LCCF partners to identify and advance the challenges and opportunities identified by the project, with a focus on potential opportunities for local businesses in the renewables sector. We will liaise with local businesses to identify opportunities for 'themed' working, aiming to create beneficial links and partnerships between like-minded businesses. Local businesses that have embraced a 'green' approach to development are being encouraged to become case studies that could be used SL wide to promote positive approaches to 'greening' business developments, including the opportunity to benefit from targeted SLC (and external) business support grants.	Green

Local communities are supported in taking action to be more environmentally responsible

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Work towards the introduction of Part 9 of the Community Empowerment Act 2015 in relation to food growing	Implement year 2 Food Growing Strategy's action plan to continue to increase all types of food growing provision across South Lanarkshire	Action plan has been implemented and we are working through the timescales to complete remaining actions before the action plan is updated for 2022. The following are examples of actions which have been met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new allotment site at Lesmahagow Road, Strathaven was completed in March 2022. • Two new fruit orchards are being planted in Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park to increase food provision. • The online allotment application form has been streamlined and a system for bulk emailing established. The waiting list management procedure has also been improved. 	Green

Sustainable Communities

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
As part of a longer-term plan to enhance the school curriculum, formulate a process to coherently capture aspects of sustainability and climate change in the school curriculum and continue to engage young people in environmental education through Eco Schools or other initiatives	Identification and collation of sustainability and climate change activity within the school curriculum during 2021-22 as a single source of information	Google form created and returns made from all secondary schools, Primary school information will be collated after the COP from June 2022	Green
	Establish a baseline with a carbon footprint calculator for all establishments and set a carbon reduction target for each establishment	Although a bespoke carbon calculator has been devised we haven't yet rolled this out – mainly due to anticipated inaccurate baseline data as a result of the building ventilation measures/pressures currently in place to mitigate against Covid-19 transmission. We expect this to be rolled out to high schools later this term, early new session.	Green
	Work with CQIS to further imbed sustainability within the curriculum and create a pupil voice forum to inform decision making on sustainability Council wide	The SLC Youth Forum for Sustainability and Climate Change continues to meet monthly. The members of the forum have been split into 5 working groups that we call the TIERS- Travelling, Influencing, Eating, 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), Shopping. The TIERS have been working on various tasks including an overview of their area and locally, nationally and globally along with suggestions they can put forward to South Lanarkshire Council in order to make positive, sustainable changes. The forum has been preparing for a MiniCOP event in June that will be attended by representatives from all our primary and secondary schools. This will be an event to highlight these issues and raise awareness of how we can make simple changes as individuals, families and as a school.	Green
Work in partnership to provide the appropriate skills required for employment opportunities in the low carbon and renewable energy industry	Promotion and tracking of initiatives/events to promote participation in STEM	STEM imbedded across all schools and development for future activities underway with the West Partnership.	Green

Report

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Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	31 August 2022
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017–2022 Achievements Report
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update the Committee on some key achievements of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the achievements of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022 be noted.

3. Background

3.1. The Council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy (SDCCS) that covered a five-year period, 2017 to 2022, was approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 6 December 2017. The Strategy set out outcomes and actions organised around three sustainable development themes:-

- ◆ Sustainable Council
- ◆ Sustainable Environment
- ◆ Sustainable Communities

3.2. Delivery of actions within the Strategy provided the focus for the Council's sustainable development activity and also enabled the Council to fulfil its duties under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003, the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and the Council's contribution to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

3.3. The sustainable development and climate change agenda has progressed over recent years. The Scottish Government declared a Climate Emergency in May 2019 following a special report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in 2018. This is an acknowledgement that we need to take urgent action on the causes and impacts of climate change. The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 was amended by the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019, increasing the ambition of Scotland's emissions reduction targets to net zero by 2045. In response to the new net zero target, the Climate Change Plan 2018-2032 was updated in 2020 setting new policies and milestones.

4. Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022 Update

- 4.1. The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy (2017–2022) set out the Council’s approach to sustainable development and addressed the challenges and opportunities of climate change. It had three main themes (Sustainable Council, Sustainable Environment, Sustainable Communities) and eight outcome areas as outlined below:-

Sustainable Council

Outcome 1.1	The Council’s carbon emissions are managed and reduced
Outcome 1.2	The Council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources
Outcome 1.3	Climate change mitigation and adaptation are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working

Sustainable Environment

Outcome 2.1	South Lanarkshire’s natural environment is protected, enhanced and respected
Outcome 2.2	South Lanarkshire’s enhanced environment provides health and wellbeing benefits to local communities

Sustainable Communities

Outcome 3.1	Homes and communities are energy efficient, environmentally sustainable, and fuel poverty is minimised
Outcome 3.2	The Council’s strategies plans and policies support communities in reducing carbon emissions and adapting to a changing climate
Outcome 3.3	Local communities are supported in taking action to be more environmentally responsible

- 4.2. The Strategy has been successful in embedding climate change action and sustainability into all Resources’ and Services’ delivery. Its five-year term has now ended, and it has been updated with a new Strategy, covering the period 2022-2027, which was approved by South Lanarkshire Council at its meeting on 15 June 2022. The new Strategy builds on the success and key achievements from the previous Strategy. Some of the key achievements, over the last 5 years are outlined below. These include, although not limited to:-

4.2.1. Sustainable Council

Outcome 1.1: The Council’s carbon emissions are managed and reduced.

- ◆ We reduced our carbon footprint by 50% between 2017 and 2021. This reduction is partly due to changes to service provision throughout 2020 and 2021 because of Covid, but also due to a sustained and successful effort to reduce energy and fuel consumption and implement more energy and fuel-efficient technologies. This has included an ambitious street lighting replacement programme which saw all lanterns replaced with LED. This reduction in our carbon footprint builds on earlier successes when we reduced our carbon emissions by 28% over the period 2005 to 2017.
- ◆ The Council’s vehicle emissions have continued to fall, and it is on target to replace the entire fleet of diesel/petrol cars and small vans with fully electric vehicles by the end of 2024. 28% of the car and small van fleet (202 of 711) are now fully electric.
- ◆ Central Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF) projects have progressed including upgrading of LED lights within principal offices.

- ◆ We now have Solar Photovoltaic Panels (PVs) on 63 council buildings with an estimated annual electricity generation of 1.2 million kWh.

Outcome 1.2: The Council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources.

- ◆ Several single-use plastic items were removed from the procurement catalogues in accordance with the EU directive banning certain single-use items (including plastic cutlery, straws and cups).
- ◆ There has been a consolidation of purchase orders to reduce deliveries to establishments which has resulted in reducing mileage travelled across the council and a reduction in carbon emissions.
- ◆ Hamilton Grammar School's Young Enterprise Company, Revitalise, were supported in selling personalised reusable water bottles in a bid to reduce single use water bottles. Revitalise also won the Lanarkshire Regional "Company of the Year" Award in April 2020.
- ◆ We have reduced embodied carbon in the construction of our road network through reducing volumes of new construction materials and reduction in lorry movements; some of the different methods have included in-situ recycling processes such as 'retread' and trialling the use alternative materials – for instance used tyre bales in the road formation.

Outcome 1.3: Climate change mitigation and adaptation are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working.

- ◆ Following the UK and Scottish Government's declaration of a climate emergency we established a Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in 2020 to oversee and make strategic decisions on how to accelerate the pace and scale of action needed in response to the climate emergency.
- ◆ The Council established a fund that supports work in relation to the climate emergency. The £2m investment fund enables the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee to prioritise match funding for external funding applications that contributes to tackling climate change.
- ◆ The Council is a member of Climate Ready Clyde, which is a regional partnership that has developed the first Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan for the Glasgow City Region. The Strategy aims to ensure Glasgow City Region's economy, society and environment is not only prepared for, but continues to flourish in the face of the impacts arising from the climate crisis. [Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan \(climatereadyclyde.org.uk\)](https://climatereadyclyde.org.uk)
- ◆ The Council was a core partner in the Green Heat in Greenspace project which was led by Greenspace Scotland. This project was set up to identify and quantify specific opportunities in green and blue spaces within urban settlements across Scotland to support low carbon heat solutions (heat pumps and district heating networks). This project was primarily focusing on solutions for decarbonising the public sector.
- ◆ Community Planning Partners across Lanarkshire joined both North and South Lanarkshire Councils and the Improvement Service in an event to further embed climate change in community planning. The event focussed on the climate emergency, a green recovery, a just transition, and policy coherence for climate change. Findings from the discussion have been reported back to the Community Planning Partnership Board with recommendations on how to further embed climate change across community planning.

4.2.2. Sustainable Environment

Outcome 2.1: South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced and respected.

- ◆ We implemented the South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Strategy 2018-2022 with input from all members of the South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Partnership, alongside the Council's own Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan 2018-2022.
- ◆ The adopted South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2 makes provision for the designation of 16 new Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) at locations across the Council area. In February 2022, the Council completed the declaration of the 16 new LNRs, together with doubling the area of the existing LNRs.
- ◆ The Council has been able to develop its Nature Restoration Programme by bringing together its Scottish Government Nature Restoration Funding with the Council's Climate Emergency Fund. The focus of this Programme is on improving the biodiversity of various council land sites, and the enhancement and management of woodland, grassland, peatland and wetland habitats. Creating pollinator friendly grasslands and enhancing tree canopy cover are key strategic actions for the Council. Undertaking access and habitat improvements in the new Local Nature Reserves is a key priority for this programme.
- ◆ The Council has installed a tree asset management software system that allows the recording of the quantity, quality, nature, and condition, of the Council's tree assets along with the value they provide in terms of ecosystems. The software will help manage, protect and enhance council trees and support the Clyde Climate Forest.
- ◆ Green Flag status was awarded to many of our parks throughout the period and we continued to develop safe and accessible walking and cycling routes throughout South Lanarkshire.
- ◆ New woodland creation at Chatelherault has contributed to the initiation of the Clyde Climate Forest with the planting of 120 trees consisting of oak, sycamore and beech in March 2021.

Outcome 2.2: South Lanarkshire's enhanced environment provides health and wellbeing benefits to local communities.

- ◆ We undertook a range of air quality improvement projects and an education programme involving communities, businesses and schools throughout the 5-year period. The development of a [story map](#) displayed on the Council website has helped spread knowledge and understanding of the need for good air quality and the actions taking place.
- ◆ Beat the Street active travel games have taken place in Lanark, East Kilbride, Hamilton and Blantyre and Cambuslang and Rutherglen. Over 34,500 people took part with participants walking, running and cycling over 450,000 miles.
- ◆ The introduction of a treasure trail game App for Lanarkshire was downloaded more than 1,100 times during the summer of 2021. The trail around Strathclyde Country Park and Hamilton Palace Grounds was accessed via a free App WALKCYCLE4AIR, produced by South and North Lanarkshire Councils and launched to celebrate Clean Air Day.
- ◆ The former landfill site of Glen Esk, East Kilbride was rejuvenated as a community greenspace, using the Scottish Government Vacant and Derelict Land Fund. It was opened in December 2019 and now includes new native woodland and wildflower planting, paths, artwork, an outdoor classroom, and a junior mountain bike track.

4.2.3. **Sustainable Communities**

Outcome 3.1: Homes and communities are energy efficient, environmentally sustainable, and fuel poverty is minimised.

- ◆ More than 1,300 affordable and green homes were built throughout the term of the Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022.
- ◆ All South Lanarkshire Council new-build homes are built to the Silver Greener Standard as set out in Section 7, Silver Level, of the 2011 Building Regulations in respect of both Carbon Dioxide emissions and Energy for Space Heating. Modern construction methods are utilised as far as possible to help minimise adverse environmental impacts.
- ◆ We continued to improve the energy efficiency of Council housing stock with 1,147 homes having external wall insulation fitted contributing to a total of 98% of council homes meeting the Energy Efficiency Standards for Social Housing (EESH1) by March 2022.
- ◆ We continued to increase the number of council properties utilising decarbonised heating sources, with a total 239 homes receiving air sources heat pumps, bringing the total to 1,624. All pitches within the council's two Gypsy/Traveller sites also received new infra-red heating systems.
- ◆ We administered the 'Energy Company Obligation' and 'Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Schemes' national grant schemes which provide national funding for energy efficiency improvements to private homes across South Lanarkshire. This included a total of 5,536 improvements across 2,603 properties with measures including new efficient heating and internal and external insulation.

Outcome 3.2: The Council's strategies, plans and policies support communities in reducing carbon emissions and adapting to a changing climate

- ◆ We developed and launched the Council's first Good Food Strategy in 2019 which includes a key theme of 'Good food for the environment'.
- ◆ We expanded food growing allotments sites throughout South Lanarkshire and the development of a [Food Growing](#) story map to promote the benefits of homegrown.
- ◆ The new long-term residual waste contract has enabled a large proportion of our non-recyclable waste to be sent to the Energy from Waste plant in Dunbar, not only reducing landfilled waste but creating electricity.
- ◆ The introduction of the contamination service standard for waste services in October 2018, coupled with a communications campaign and the training of crews working with processors, has led to a significant improvement in quality of paper and card delivered to the recycling processor. April 2018 – 54.82% rejected; April 2019 – 3.9% rejected; April 2020 – 0.76% rejected. This has resulted in both environmental benefits and financial benefits.
- ◆ To support the transition to electric vehicles South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2 requires all new development to include electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The Supporting Planning Guidance has been developed to assist developers meet these requirements in terms of the type and number of electric vehicles charging points. It also sets out the information required to be submitted with a planning application to address this.
- ◆ The electric vehicle charge point network within South Lanarkshire is expanding and we are continuing to look at ways to improve and develop the infrastructure further. Our focus thus far has been on the introduction of Electric vehicle charging hubs with an aim for all residents of South Lanarkshire to be living

within a short distance of a charge point. To date the Council has installed 139 publicly available charge points throughout the area.

- ◆ The introduction of a fully segregated cycle network in East Kilbride. The project has been phased over several years, commencing construction in 2019. Three phases have been completed with the next 2 phases due to commence in late 2022 / early 2023. The project is intended to encourage cyclists of all abilities to consider cycling a viable option for all or part of their journey. The project is consistent with our Cycling Strategy ([Cycling Strategy 2015-2020 Transport and streets - South Lanarkshire Council](#)) and the East Kilbride Active Travel Study ([Transport and streets - South Lanarkshire Council](#)).
- ◆ The Cambuslang Park and Ride car park opened in July 2021 making multi modal travel a viable option and encouraging public transport use for residents of Cambuslang and the surrounding area. The project involved transforming the derelict site to provide a dedicated park and ride car park which features 257 spaces including 20 electric vehicle charging spaces and cycle parking with 4 electric cycle charging points. This provides options to travel to the park and ride facility sustainably prior to the onward journey by rail. The introduction of the park and ride facility is consistent with our Park and Ride Strategy ([Park and Ride Strategy 2018-2027 - South Lanarkshire Council](#)).

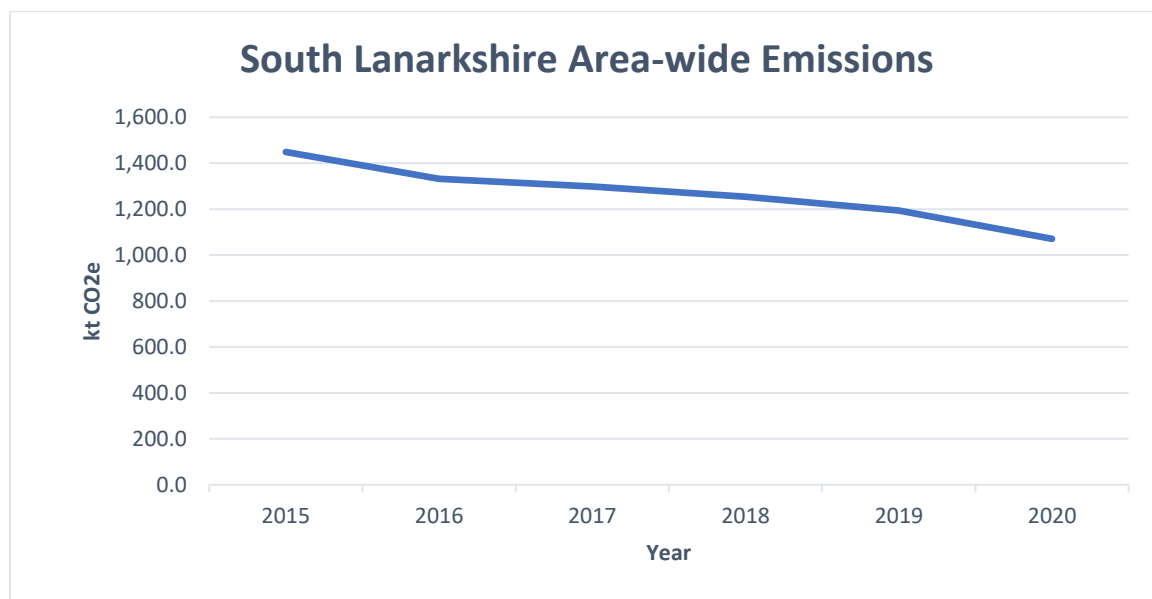
Outcome 3.3: Local communities are supported in taking action to be more environmentally responsible

- ◆ We launched a £200,000 Community Grants Scheme at the start of 2022 to help groups and partner organisations develop climate change and sustainability focused projects within the community. By the end of June 2022, 20 applications had been approved with over £46,000 paid out in grants.
- ◆ We launched the Food Strategy Community Grants in January 2022. Over £19,000 has been paid out to community groups and organisations to introduce or develop food growing activities on council land or within council facilities. Projects include developing community orchards, polytunnels and rain harvesting at existing sites and the development of school and nursey growing areas.
- ◆ A Young People's Sustainability Forum has been established to discuss how young people can lead on aspects of climate change and sustainability within the school curriculum but also how they can influence decision making across the authority. An offshoot of the Forum has been the Climate Emergency Newsroom (CEN) that took place during COP26. The young people reported on events and decision making to their primary school audience. There were more than 1 million views of CEN tweets, and the work was acknowledged in a motion to the Scottish Parliament.
- ◆ A schools' version of South Lanarkshire's State of the Environment report was developed for use on GLOW, this resource allows teachers and pupils to use local environmental data as part of their learning and environmental projects.
- ◆ Over the last five years (2017-2022), more than 19,000 days of environmental volunteering has been recorded. This is important in supporting access improvements and management, habitat management, citizen science monitoring and community management. Using National Lottery valuation this level of voluntary activity is worth about £1m. These volunteers are a key resource in managing the Local Nature Reserves.

- ◆ With help from local volunteers, and in partnership with Buglife, the Council has created 12 pilot pollinator friendly sites in the Clyde Valley and 3 pilot Butterfly Conservation sites in Hamilton/Blantyre. Case studies on the pollinator and butterfly sites are being developed for possible roll-out across Council landholdings.
- ◆ The Council and One Carlisle Area Network was involved in a pilot for the newly developed national Place Standard Tool through a climate lens. The pilot involved using the newly developed tool as a framework for a community event to discuss the development of a community-led neighbourhood plan that will incorporate action that will address local needs as well as help to tackle climate change.

- 4.3. As stated earlier in this report, the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy, and its accompanying annual action plans, has covered activity related to all aspects of sustainability and climate change. However, reducing carbon emissions has been one of its central aims, and measuring these carbon emissions is central to the Strategy's monitoring framework. The Council's own carbon footprint accounts for approximately 2% of the South Lanarkshire's area-wide emissions. However, the Council has the ability to influence approximately 33%⁽¹⁾ of the area's carbon emissions through its plans, policies, strategies, and regulatory responsibility.
- 4.4. As outlined at 4.2.1, the Council has reduced its own carbon emissions by 50% during the period of the Strategy (2017-2022). In terms of the area wide emissions for South Lanarkshire, there has also been a downward trend over the last 5 years, as outlined in figure 1⁽²⁾. These figures have a two-year lag. Therefore, the most up to date area-wide figures we have are for the period 2016-2020. Aside from the Council's activity in this area, there are obviously other factors which have influenced this decrease in emissions. However, this indicator still indicates progress. Carbon emissions have reduced from 1331.8 kt CO₂e in 2016 to 1071 kt CO₂e in 2020. This is a 20% reduction which is in line with Scotland's overall reduction.

Figure 1



(1) Source of data from Keep Scotland Beautiful Climate Literacy Training July 2022

(2) Source of data from the Department of Business, Energy, and Industry Strategy (BEIS) published June 2022

5. Going Forward

- 5.1. The new Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy, covering the next five years, will not only build on the extensive work from previous sustainable development and climate change strategies but will set the pathway for the decade ahead where the Council will be required to meet some challenging national climate change and sustainable development targets and milestones.
- 5.2. Since the development of the last Strategy there have been many external factors that have impacted the Council's current strategic approach to sustainable development and climate change as well as the pace and scale of implementation required. These factors include changes in legislation, for example the new climate change targets of net-zero emissions by 2045; the declaration of a national climate emergency; Brexit; and changes to the socio-economic landscape due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 5.3. The next step is to prepare the Strategy's five-year action plan. The sustainability team are currently working closely with Services across the Council to agree proposed actions. The proposed action plan will be presented to Committee in February 2023 with actions commencing in April 2023. There will be a transitional action plan prepared for 2022-23 while the five-year action plan is being developed.
- 5.4. The Council's Climate Change and Sustainability Committee will ensure the effective delivery of the Strategy and action plan. The Council's senior management Climate Change and Sustainability steering group will support the work of the Committee.
- 5.5. The new Strategy will be web-based on the Council's website. This will help to keep the Strategy current and reflect any updates or changes, for example, new national targets and policies. The information in this covering report will provide an overview for the website for the work to date.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. All Resources are required to contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Climate Change Strategy and Carbon Management Plan to ensure that actions and targets are met. The sustainable development officers and carbon management officer monitor and report the Council's progress.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. Many actions within the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy and associated action plan has previously been funded from existing Resource budgets, however, going forward there will be a need for more investment in order to meet challenging targets and milestones. We will also have to work with the Scottish Government, UK Government and external partners to seek funding to support the delivery of larger net zero projects.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy contributes towards the Public Sector Climate Change Duties, the Biodiversity Duty and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. Failure to build resilience and act to the impacts of a changing climate is included in one of the Council's top risks. The development of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy and action plan is a mitigation measure of this risk.

- 9.2. The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy has undergone the Strategic Environmental Assessment process.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. An equality impact assessment was carried out on the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy.
- 10.2. Public and stakeholder consultation on the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy was undertaken.

David Booth

Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

22 August 2022

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable

Priorities

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress and improve

Outcomes

- ◆ Our children and young people thrive
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible
- ◆ Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee report on 6 December 2017 entitled 'Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy'

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report 2018.
- ◆ The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009
- ◆ The Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019
- ◆ The climate change update 2020
- ◆ Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022
- ◆ Biodiversity Strategy 2018 – 2022
- ◆ Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan 2018 -2022
- ◆ Good Food Strategy 2020 -2025
- ◆ UN's Sustainable Development Goals

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Report

Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	31 August 2022
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022 - 2027
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise on the development of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022-2027

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy and the proposed vision, themes, and priorities be noted.

3. Background

3.1. The Climate Change and Sustainability Committee approved the development of the next Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy (SDCCS) 2022-2027 in September 2020.

3.2. It was agreed that the Strategy should set out how the Council aims to develop sustainably and tackle climate change over a five-year period from April 2022 to March 2027. The Strategy will also provide a broad strategic direction for longer term planning, beyond the five-year period, to help to deliver on agreed outcomes and contribute to achieving the longer-term vision.

3.3. An internal workshop was held in early 2021 with officers of the Council in order to gather thoughts and identify future challenges and opportunities for the new Strategy. Attendance by the Council's sustainable development officers at all Resource Management Teams took place in summer 2021 to discuss the actions and interventions that will need to happen in order to meet key milestones and targets.

3.4. Nine online community engagement focus groups, attended by 62 participants, took place mid-2021 and an online survey in October 2021 received over 800 responses which helped shape the vision and themes of the Strategy. The Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) was finalised in January 2021 and along with the draft SDCCS went out for public consultation from 1 February to 15 March 2022.

- 3.5. The public consultation was made available on the Council website and advertised on all council social media channels. It was also sent to community councils, council partnership organisations, other public sector bodies and the Sustainable Scotland Network. Comments were also sought from the Consultation Authorities as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment consultation.
- 3.6. All of the comments from the public consultation have been reviewed and have been incorporated where appropriate into the final draft which can be found at Appendix 1. This includes feedback from Housing and Technical Resources, the Council's Food Strategy Officer, Carluke Development Trust, Nature Scot, Historic Environment Scotland, SEPA, Biggar and District Civic Society and two members of the public.
- 3.7. The Strategy was approved by South Lanarkshire Council at its meeting on 15 June 2022.

4. The Vision, Themes and Priorities of the Strategy

- 4.1. Based on the significant engagement and consultation, as well as legislative requirements and national/local policy, a proposed vision and mission statement, 4 proposed themes, and 13 proposed priority/focus areas for the SDCCS have been defined. The themes have been aligned with the themes of the new Council Plan.

4.1.1. Proposed Vision and mission statement

Our Future is Now: building a sustainable, climate resilient, and net-zero South Lanarkshire together, in a fair and inclusive way.

4.1.2. Proposed Themes

- ◆ People
- ◆ Place and Communities
- ◆ Planet – the Natural Environment
- ◆ Planet – a Green Economy

4.1.3. Proposed Priorities/focus areas

- ◆ Contribute to improving health and wellbeing through environmental protection and access to environmental benefits for all
- ◆ Progress climate justice and ensure the transition to net-zero by 2045 does not exacerbate poverty or inequalities
- ◆ Influence change through improving the understanding of Sustainable Development and the Climate Emergency across South Lanarkshire
- ◆ Improve affordable, sustainable and accessible transport options
- ◆ Progress a transition to net-zero, energy efficient and climate resilience homes, buildings and infrastructure, and minimise the unsustainable use of natural resources and regenerate where appropriate
- ◆ Improve the availability and access to quality local outdoor spaces and services
- ◆ Empower communities to take climate action and be more environmentally sustainable
- ◆ Take action to allow South Lanarkshire to become a zero waste society
- ◆ Enhance, protect, and respect the outdoors and the natural and historic environment
- ◆ Conserve, restore and improve biodiversity, and use nature-based solutions in tackling the climate crisis
- ◆ Enable a fair transition to a green economy leaving no one behind

- ◆ Lead the transition to a circular economy and improve resource efficiency through responsible consumption and production, and buying and selling of local goods and services
- ◆ Support South Lanarkshire's businesses in the transition to a net-zero economy and helping to ensure they are climate resilient

5. Next Steps

- 5.1. The new Strategy will be web-based and published on the Council website. Once approved the content will be used to develop the web pages and should be available for public use shortly after. The content of the web-based pages will be reviewed every 6 months, thereby ensuring that the content is always as up to date and relevant as possible.
- 5.2. Work will continue with services and Resources across the Council to develop the accompanying action plan. Focus will be on the long-term actions covering the five year period of the Strategy, but with a view to agreeing short and medium term steps that will be required in order to meet the long term ambitions. This action plan will be reviewed annually and reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on a six-monthly basis.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. Development of the SDCCS is a key task for the Councils' sustainable development officers with support and direction from the Climate Change and Sustainability Steering Group. All Resources have a responsibility to commit to and contribute to the implementation of the annual action plans to ensure targets are met.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. The commitments of the SDCCS and actions detailed in the annual action plans may be part-funded from existing Resource budgets, however, the scale and pace of action needed to meet climate change targets and address the current climate crisis will require capital investment and likely to require external funding and investment. The development of the Strategy may help to leverage in additional funding and investment, however, alternative financial models may need to be considered.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy contributes towards the Public Sector Climate Change Duties, the Biodiversity Duty and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- 8.2. A full Strategic Environmental Assessment was carried out alongside preparation of the Strategy. This allowed greater synergy and clarity and resulted in better consistency in approach to addressing the climate crisis alongside the ecological emergency. It ensures that the importance of sustainable development is mainstreamed across the Council and promoted to communities and partners. Incorporating this sustainable approach across all Council led policies, plans, programmes and strategies should result in continued environmental benefits for South Lanarkshire and the people who live, work and visit here.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. Failure to build resilience and act to the impacts of a changing climate is included in one of the Council's top risks. The development of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy and action plan is a mitigation measure of this risk.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. As noted in paragraphs 3.4 to 3.6 the draft Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment underwent full public consultation for six weeks during February and March 2022. The results from the consultation and the preceding community workshops shaped the vision, themes and priorities of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy. The Equality Impact Assessment is currently being drafted and is shaped by the outcomes from a series of community engagement sessions 'Let's Talk South Lanarkshire' which took place in June 2022.

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1 August 2022

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable

Priorities

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress and improve

Outcomes

- ◆ Our children and young people thrive
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible
- ◆ Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

Previous References

- ◆ Report to Climate Change and Sustainability Committee - 17 September 2020
- ◆ Report to South Lanarkshire Council - 15 June 2022

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy

Introduction

Welcome to the Council's sustainable development and climate change strategy 2022 to 2027. At the end of this document, you will find a glossary of terms to help with your reading (Pages 16-18).

This strategy has been prepared following extensive public engagement which has helped shape our strategic approach to sustainable development and climate change. The strategy will assist with the development of the corresponding action plan which will be published in autumn 2022. Whilst the new strategy focusses on the period 2022 to 2027, it also sets the pathway through to the end of this decade.

This next strategy will not only build on the previous sustainable development and climate change strategy covering the period 2017 to 2022, but the extensive work that has taken place, in conjunction with partners and communities, since 2007, when the first strategy was published.

It is important to understand what has been achieved over the lifetime of the previous strategy (2017-2022):

- We reduced our carbon footprint by a further 50% between 2017 and 2021. This reduction is partly due to changes to service provision throughout 2020 and 2021 because of Covid, but also due to a sustained and successful effort to reduce energy and fuel consumption and implement more energy and fuel-efficient technologies. This has included an ambitious street lighting replacement programme between 2015 and 2019 which saw all lanterns replaced with LED. This reduction in our carbon footprint builds on earlier successes when we reduced our carbon emissions by 28% over the period 2005 to 2017.
- We established a [Climate Change and Sustainability Committee](#) in 2020 to oversee and make strategic decisions on how to accelerate the pace and scale of action needed in response to the climate emergency.
- We undertook a range of air quality improvement projects and an education programme involving communities, businesses and schools throughout the 5-year period. The development of a [story map](#) displayed on the Council website has helped spread knowledge and understanding of the need for good air quality and the actions taking place.
- We developed and launched the Council's first [Good Food Strategy](#) in 2019 which includes a key theme of 'Good food for the environment'.
- We expanded food growing allotments sites throughout South Lanarkshire and the development of a [Food Growing](#) story map to promote the benefits of homegrown.
- We implemented the South Lanarkshire [Biodiversity Strategy 2018-22](#) with input from all members of the South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Partnership, alongside the Council's own Biodiversity Duty [Implementation Plan 2018-22](#).
- [Green Flag](#) status was awarded to many of our parks throughout the period and we continued to develop safe and accessible walking and cycling routes throughout South Lanarkshire.
- We increased recycling facilities for many of our 320,000 residents, with most of the non-recyclable waste being sent to an energy from waste facility, and very little sent to landfill.

- More than 1,300 [affordable and green homes](#) were built throughout the term of the [Local Housing Strategy 2017-22](#).
- We increased the numbers of fuel efficient and electric vehicles within the Council fleet, including pool cars, [sweepers](#) and a mini bus, and expanded the [public electric vehicle charging network](#).
- We developed a Climate Youth Forum in 2021, which included the involvement of many South Lanarkshire pupils. Pupils attended the COP26 climate emergency newsroom and participated in a successful media campaign throughout the event.
- We launched a £200,000 Community Grants Scheme at the start of 2022 to help groups develop climate change and sustainability focused projects within the community.

The Council's annual climate change duties report provides information specifically related to actions taken to tackle climate change on a year-to-year basis; this report is submitted to the Scottish Government every November. The most recent report for 2020-21 can be found on the [Council's website](#), and historic reports can be found on the [Sustainable Scotland Network](#) website.

Why sustainable development and climate change?

Sustainable development is about maintaining a stable level of economic growth and employment, whilst reducing resource consumption, producing clean alternative energy, protecting the natural environment, and enabling a quality of life which is fair, inclusive, and does not disadvantage anyone. Sustainable development is not just about considering the present but also how our actions and use of natural resources impacts future generations.

Climate change presents the single biggest threat to sustainable development, and it's widespread and unprecedented impacts are disproportionately impacting the poorest and most vulnerable, globally, and here in Scotland and in South Lanarkshire. As a society, and as a Council, we need to consider the impacts that climate change may have on our development and growth and how we adapt to and reduce these impacts. If we reduce our contribution to global warming that is causing our climate to change, we are helping to minimise these impacts and in turn able to develop more sustainably.

Sustainable development typically includes three pillars – environmental, social, and economic. For the purposes of this strategy the focus will mainly be on the environmental pillar, but the document will complement other council plans and strategies that focus on the social and economic pillars, including the council plan, community plan, economic development strategy, local housing strategy, local transport strategy and local development plan.

This strategy aims to align all three pillars of sustainable development for all who live and work in South Lanarkshire.

Influences and drivers

Since the last strategy was developed, there have been a number of external factors and changes, both globally and nationally, that have influenced our strategic approach to sustainable development and climate change, including the Covid-19 pandemic, the national declaration of a climate emergency, new greenhouse gas emission targets for Scotland, and COP26 to name a few. The urgency and pace and scale of action required within the term of this strategy is significant.

- Scotland's First Minister declared a [Climate Emergency](#) in May 2019 following a [special report](#) issued by the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#) in 2018, which stated that by 2030 it will be too late to limit warming to 1.5 degrees; that the world must act now.
- Following independent, expert advice from the UK [Committee on Climate Change](#) (CCC) in May 2019, the Scottish Government responded immediately with amendments to Scotland's Climate Change Act to set a 2045 target for net zero emission of all greenhouse gases, and new interim targets of 75% reduction in emissions by 2030, and 90% reduction in emissions by 2040, relative to 1990 levels. As a public sector body, we have a legislative requirement to contribute to these targets and are required to set and report on our own carbon reduction targets.
- Scotland's Climate Change Plan 2018-2032 was [updated](#) in December 2020 and sets out the pathway to the new and ambitious targets set by the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019. The updated climate change plan is also a key strategic document in Scotland's green recovery from Covid-19. The climate change plan, and associated suite of documents, set national milestones that we must meet. These milestones have been a major factor in the development of this strategy.
- The Covid-19 pandemic has exposed major weaknesses in our economy and deep-seated inequalities in our society that have resulted in the most vulnerable people being hit the hardest. As the world recovers, we have a chance to reset the clock and build back better than before. Central to this approach is a focus on well-being and inclusiveness, as well as alignment with long-term emission reduction goals, building resilience to climate impacts, slowing biodiversity loss, and a transition to a circular economy. There has been a renewed emphasis on the importance of the [UN's Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) as a framework for action in building back better. We have used the SDGs to help shape our strategy.
- Scotland is already experiencing the effects of climate change, such as warmer summers and wetter winters. Climate projections indicate that these trends will not only continue but intensify. Adapting and building resilience to the impacts of climate change will be necessary, alongside actions to reduce emissions. Many of these impacts are now "locked in" as a result of historic and ongoing emissions. [Scotland's second Climate Change Adaptation Programme](#) (SCCAP2) was launched in September 2019 and outlines action to adapt for impacts of climate change that cannot be avoided. As part of the Council's legislative requirement, it must also contribute to Scotland's Adaptation Programme.
- More locally, [Climate Ready Clyde](#) – of which the Council are members – has developed Glasgow City Region's first [Climate Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan](#), which was launched in June 2021. The Strategy aims to ensure Glasgow City Region's economy, society, and environment is not only prepared for, but continues to flourish in the face of the impacts arising from the climate crisis. The Adaptation Strategy has helped to shape our strategic approach to climate adaptation.
- The UK hosted the 26th [UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties](#) (COP26) in Glasgow between 31st October 2021 and 13th November 2021. The COP26 summit ended in almost 200 countries agreeing the [Glasgow Climate Pact](#) which will accelerate action on climate this decade. This strategy will form part of the Council's legacy from COP26.

- The Council has Public Sector Climate Change duties to which they must comply. These include: contributing to achieving Scotland's climate change targets; adapting to the impacts of climate change; and acting sustainably in their activities. In addition, all public sector bodies must report annually to the Scottish Government on their carbon emissions and action to tackle climate change. In November 2020, changes to the annual report came into force whereby the Council must review and deliver on its carbon emission reduction targets and align its spending plans and use of resources to these reducing emissions. [Guidance](#) has been prepared for the public sector on the changes to the annual report, and this guidance has helped to shape this strategy

Engagement and consultation

It is globally recognised that developing sustainably and tackling climate change will help to improve the quality of life for all of us, and for future generations. Achieving these aspirations will involve the whole community – local government and other public bodies, the business sector, voluntary sector, local community groups and residents.

With this in mind, we engaged with residents, community groups, businesses, and the voluntary sector in the early stages of developing the strategy to ensure their views and ideas helped to shape the strategy. A series of focus groups and workshops explored what residents and communities need to live well in South Lanarkshire; attitudes to climate change; barriers for organisations and individuals taking action on climate change; and what the Council should focus on in this next sustainable development and climate change strategy.

Whilst the focus groups included people from across South Lanarkshire, we recognised that these groups alone could not be taken as representative of the whole population, therefore the findings from the focus groups provided the basis for a wider South Lanarkshire public engagement online survey.

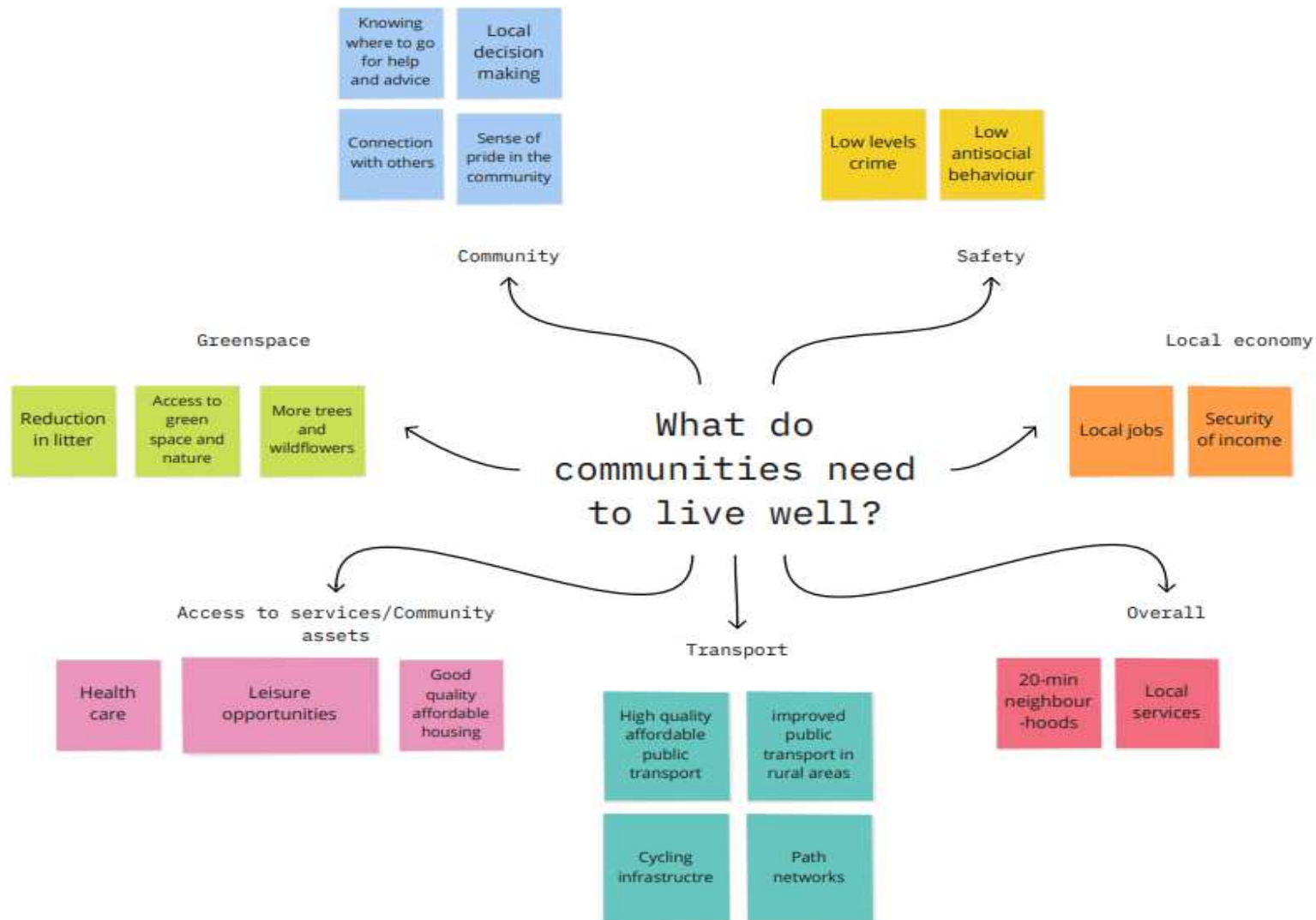
A public consultation of the draft strategy was made available on the council website and advertised on all council social media channels. It was also sent to community councils, council partnership organisations, other public sector bodies and the Sustainable Scotland Network. Comments were also sought from the Consultation Authorities as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment consultation.

There was a strong message throughout the focus groups, survey and from the consultative draft that the strategy needs to be holistic and look for synergies between community priorities and sustainable development and climate change priorities. Another key message was that the strategy should work for all sectors of society and any action resulting from the strategy must be undertaken in a fair and equitable way. The urgency of action from all sectors of South Lanarkshire was also a key message.

During the public engagement, it was suggested that the strategy's vision, themes, and key priorities provide a framework that supports and informs decisions and actions, not just for the Council, but for all sections of the community of South Lanarkshire, whether that be businesses, organisations, community groups, or individuals.

A copy of the public engagement report can be made available on request.

Figure 1: summary of findings from focus groups



Vision and Themes

Throughout this section we will outline the strategy's vision and themes. These are based on the public engagement feedback, alongside consideration of legislative requirements, and national, regional, and local policies.

The strategic vision and mission statement is:

Our Future is Now: building a sustainable, climate resilient and net-zero South Lanarkshire together, in a fair and inclusive way

'Our Future is Now' is taken from a 2019 UN Sustainable Development Goals report on collaborative action with respect to achieving sustainable development goals.

There was a lot of discussion during the focus groups around the vision for the strategy. It was felt that it should reflect what is important to people, include the climate emergency, and demonstrate the pace and scale needed, the requirement to work together, and that everybody be treated equally.

From the issues that were discussed during the public engagement (**see Figure 1**) there are four key themes that emerged. These themes align with the themes of the Council Plan: People Place Planet

- **People**
- **Place and Communities**
- **The Natural Environment (Planet)**
- **A Green Economy (Planet)**

People

- People are at the heart of a sustainable South Lanarkshire. Health and well-being are paramount; no one should be disproportionately affected by the impacts of climate change; there should be a just transition to a net-zero future; climate inequalities and fuel poverty are reduced; and there is harmony between society and nature.

During the public engagement sessions, people felt that issues like tackling poverty and inequalities, and improving health and wellbeing were of more importance to people than climate change. The People theme looks to build on the work already happening across South Lanarkshire to make it a fairer place for everyone, by helping to improve health and wellbeing, assisting with the cost of living, and mitigating the inequalities exacerbated by climate change. Climate change will increase the risk of environmental hazards. It is recognised that the impacts of a changing climate are not felt equitably among people and often have disproportionate effects for those already experiencing poverty and inequalities. While we look for solutions to address the climate crisis, we will do so in a way that creates a fairer and more just society in the process.

Place and Communities

- Communities are empowered and supported to create sustainable, inclusive and thriving places that are net-zero, climate resilient, well connected, with access to energy efficient, comfortable and affordable homes, local services, and local quality outdoor space.

During the public engagement sessions, people felt access to local services was important to them and they wanted to be included in the decisions made about their local areas. They wanted to have access to affordable, safe and sustainable transport options, energy efficient, comfortable and affordable homes, and local quality greenspace - the benefits of which have been further realised as a result of the pandemic. There were discussions around rural and urban areas in South Lanarkshire and the challenges and opportunities these geographical differences raise. It was also felt that there should be fair involvement of all residents in environmental developmental decision-making processes. This theme will build on the work already happening across South Lanarkshire to improve communities and place, although it will do this through a sustainable development and climate lens which will take the diversity of rural and urban South Lanarkshire into account.

The Natural Environment

- South Lanarkshire's natural environment, greenspace, and biodiversity is restored, protected, enhanced, and respected, enabling basic needs like clean air, clean water, and healthy soils, as well as many other health and wellbeing and economic benefits for the people of South Lanarkshire.

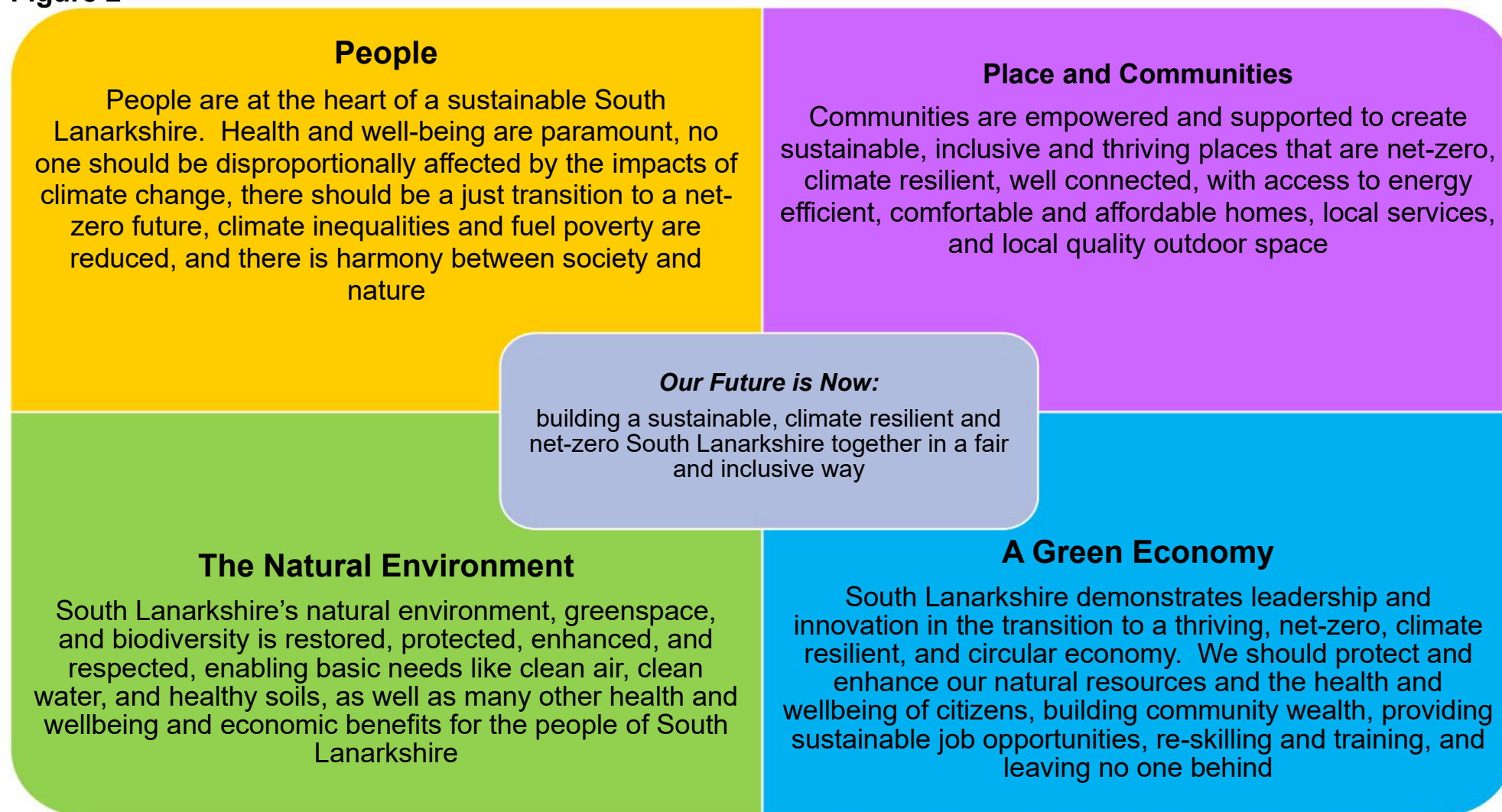
During the public engagement sessions, people felt strongly that our natural environment holds many benefits for people and for helping to tackle climate change. There was a lot of discussion around litter and fly-tipping and that there is a greater need to respect our local and natural environment. People agreed the need for quality greenspace for our health and wellbeing and understood that the natural environment provides us with basic needs like clean air, water and food, medicine, building materials and jobs, and felt that these should be enjoyed equally across South Lanarkshire. It was also felt that good quality, local greenspace can contribute to a sense of place. This theme will build on the work that is already happening to restore, protect, enhance, and respect the natural environment as well as help in the transition to net-zero and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

A Green Economy

- South Lanarkshire demonstrates leadership and innovation in the transition to a thriving, net-zero, climate resilient, and circular economy. In partnership with businesses and social enterprises, we should aim to protect and enhance our natural resources and the health and wellbeing of citizens through building community wealth, providing sustainable, quality, green job opportunities, re-skilling and training, and leaving no one behind.

Opportunities for local jobs and security of income were identified as key priorities during the public engagement. The pandemic has brought a lot of uncertainty to the economy and to job security. The transition to net-zero could mean changes to businesses and jobs. This theme will build on the work already taking place across South Lanarkshire towards a thriving and sustainable local economy by ensuring that we are taking actions that contribute to a just transition - that nobody is left behind - and that there are opportunities for quality green jobs as the green market grows across South Lanarkshire.

Figure 2



Priorities

The next section outlines the priorities that have been identified for the Council. The priorities have been established using public engagement feedback and taking cognisance of our legislative requirements and national commitments and targets.

Appendix 1 provides an outline of each of the priorities, the scope and types of actions that will sit under each priority, and the themes that each priority contributes to.

Please note, the priorities are numbered for reference. They are of equal importance.

1. Contribute to improving health and wellbeing through environmental protection and access to environmental benefits for all
2. Progress climate justice and ensure the transition to net-zero by 2045 does not exacerbate poverty or inequalities
3. Influence change through improving the understanding of Sustainable Development and the Climate Emergency across South Lanarkshire
4. Improve affordable, sustainable and accessible transport options
5. Progress a transition to net-zero, energy efficient and climate resilience homes, buildings and infrastructure, and minimise the unsustainable use of natural resources and regenerate where appropriate
6. Improve the availability and access to quality local outdoor spaces and services
7. Empower communities to take climate action and be more environmentally sustainable
8. Take action to allow South Lanarkshire to become a zero waste society
9. Enhance, protect, and respect the outdoors and the natural and historic environment
10. Conserve, restore and improve biodiversity, and use nature-based solutions in tackling the climate crisis
11. Enable a fair transition to a green economy leaving no one behind
12. Lead the transition to a circular economy and improve resource efficiency through responsible consumption and production, and buying and selling of local goods and services
13. Support South Lanarkshire's businesses in the transition to a net-zero economy and helping to ensure they are climate resilient

The above vision, themes and priorities will be used as a framework to develop our action plan and set targets.

Climate change and carbon emissions

In addition to the priorities listed, we will comply with our Public Sector Climate Change Duties. Part of those duties is to manage, reduce and report on our own carbon footprint, which we have been doing since 2005. We will also work collaboratively with partners, communities, the business sector, and voluntary sector to reduce South Lanarkshire's area-wide emissions.

Climate change presents the single biggest threat to sustainable development and one of the best ways to contribute to lessening future changes in climate is measuring and understanding our carbon footprint. Once we know where our main emissions come from, we can take measures to reduce it.

The Council's carbon footprint includes the carbon associated with the gas, electricity and oil used to heat and power our buildings, the fuel we use to travel and the electricity used for street lighting.

It also includes the emissions that are produced when processing and disposing of the household waste we collect.

The most recent carbon footprint, for 2020-21 shows that reductions of 65% have been achieved since the baseline year of 2005-06. There are several reasons for this consistent and significant reduction in emissions. Most are related to specific measures undertaken by the council to reduce fuel consumption. However, some changes are as a result of updates to the annual carbon conversion factors that are published by the UK Government's Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). This means that the fluctuating carbon factors over which the Council has no control can affect our reported carbon emissions.

Future targets for reducing the council's carbon footprint will be incorporated into the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy Action Plan.

Interventions

In addition to the actions that will deliver on the priorities we will develop some high-level interventions that will assist in implementing the strategy which includes:

- Developing a public engagement and communications plan. This will set out our overarching framework for engaging the people of South Lanarkshire in relation to key issues/messages around sustainable development and climate change.
- Fully embed climate change and sustainability in all council decisions
- Prepare a route-map for the transition to net-zero for both the Council and the wider South Lanarkshire area.
- Work with partners, communities, businesses, groups and organisations to establish a more joined up and collaborate approach to tackling resource efficiency and climate change. We need to set a pathway of how we will reach net-zero and how much this will cost.
- Recognise the already changing climate and take climate adaptation action
- Develop a programme of training that will help people better understand the climate emergency and alleviate fears.
- Provide opportunities for local community groups to take forward sustainable development and climate change action. This includes the current small grant funds.
- Review our procurement processes, further embed sustainability and climate change in tendering, and investigate ways to further reduce emissions from our supply chain.
- Work with the Scottish Government, UK Government and external partners to seek funding to support the delivery of net zero projects.

Monitoring, evaluation and reporting

The action plan will be monitored and reported to the Council's climate change and sustainability committee twice a year, and we will continue to prepare an annual climate change duties report. Progress on the action plan and the annual climate change duties report will also be made available on the Council website.

We will agree performance indicators with Council Services that will be included in the action plan and will demonstrate progress. We will also undertake a range of activities that will demonstrate impact, including surveys and case studies.

The Council's climate change and sustainability committee will ensure the effective delivery of the strategy and action plan. The Council's senior management climate change and sustainability steering group will support the work of the committee.

This strategy is web-based on the Council's website, alongside the accompanying Equalities Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment. A summary version of the strategy can be made available on request for anyone who does not have access to the internet.

Appendix 1

We will		Overview	Strategic Themes			
			People	Communities and Place	Natural Environment	Green Economy
1	Contribute to improving health and wellbeing through environmental protection and access to environmental benefits for all	This priority will include action on improving air quality, providing local outdoor access, increased opportunities for cycling and walking, quality greenspace for people to enjoy, or use to improve physical or mental health and wellbeing. This priority will also include action to encourage sustainable and healthy food options	X	X	X	
2	Progress climate justice and ensure the transition to net-zero by 2045 does not exacerbate poverty or inequalities	This priority recognises that the impacts of a changing climate are not felt equitably among people and often have disproportionate effects for those already experiencing poverty and inequalities. Actions will include measures to understand the landscape of fuel poverty and reducing fuel poverty It will also include actions to tackle climate justice so that no one is disproportionately affected by the impacts of climate change, or that any action taken in the transition to net-zero does not leave anyone behind or widen the poverty or inequality gap. It will also consider the impacts of climate on food security. As the community plan's key priority is reducing poverty and tackling inequalities, this priority needs to align with the community plan	X	X		
3	Influence change through improving the understanding of Sustainable Development and the Climate	This priority will include the development of a public engagement strategy for sustainable development and climate change. It will involve working in partnership to help to raise awareness, positively influence behaviours, and have climate conversations through various methods of communication and engagement including using the arts. This priority needs to consider those people who may be harder to engage with but may be more affected by	X	X	X	X

We will		Overview	Strategic Themes			
			People	Communities and Place	Natural Environment	Green Economy
	Emergency across South Lanarkshire	climate change. This priority will also include embedding the understanding of the climate change and sustainable development in school life and the wider community				
4	Improve affordable, sustainable, and accessible transport options	This priority will include action on improving sustainable transport options for people including active travel option, public transport, integrated active and public transport options, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and incentives for people to make a switch to more sustainable and decarbonised transport. This priority needs to consider the rural and urban diversity of South Lanarkshire, the affordability of transport options, and that no one should be disproportionately affected in the transition to low or decarbonised transportation. Transport is the second biggest source of carbon emissions in South Lanarkshire	X	X		X
5	Progress a transition to net-zero, energy efficient and climate resilient homes, buildings, and infrastructure, and minimise the unsustainable use of natural resources and regenerate where appropriate	This priority will include action to reduce carbon emissions from homes, buildings, and infrastructure. It will look to review building standards to set South Lanarkshire on the trajectory of net-zero by 2045, if not before. It will include sustainable design and construction – minimising both operational and embodied carbon – renewable heating and incorporating green infrastructure. It will include a retrofit programme for the Council's housing stock to meet Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) band B by 2032. It will involve working in partnership with housing associations, homeowners, businesses, public bodies, and communities across South Lanarkshire in the move to net-zero from the built environment. Heat and energy from homes, buildings and embodied carbon in construction/infrastructure is the biggest source of carbon emissions across South Lanarkshire. This priority will also address the climate resilience of our homes, buildings, and infrastructure including sensitive	X	X	X	X

We will		Overview	Strategic Themes			
			People	Communities and Place	Natural Environment	Green Economy
		buildings of heritage and culture and the role of planning regulations. It will also support keeping buildings in use as much as possible.				
6	Improve the availability and access to quality local outdoor spaces and services	This priority will focus on spatial planning and the concept of 20-minute neighbourhoods with tailored plans for urban and rural towns and dwellings. It will help to reduce travel needs and in turn reduce transport emissions and possibly contribute to more active travel thus improving health. Access to biodiverse outdoor spaces will also be a key focus for this priority; the importance of access to local and quality outdoor space was more apparent during and following the pandemic.	X	X	X	X
7	Empower communities to take climate action and be more environmentally sustainable	This priority will include action to provide environmental volunteering opportunities, food growing opportunities, support and training, community wealth building, community grant funding, and participatory budgeting. This priority needs to be inclusive, giving everyone opportunities to be involved in their local community. This priority will also include supporting communities to build resilience to the impacts of climate change	X	X	X	X
8	Take action to allow South Lanarkshire to become a zero waste society	This priority will include action to manage household and commercial waste produced in South Lanarkshire. This includes encouraging the reduction of general waste and food waste. This will also look to improve the quality of recyclable material collected and minimise contamination. This priority links closely with the priority of responsible consumption and production and circular economy as it is better for the environment to keep goods and materials in circulation longer thus reducing waste. It also links closely with improving the understanding of sustainable development and climate change to influence change.	X	X	X	
9	Enhance, protect, and respect the outdoors and	This priority will include action to manage our natural environment (or also known as natural capital) in a sustainable manner. A biodiverse natural	X	X	X	X

We will		Overview	Strategic Themes			
			People	Communities and Place	Natural Environment	Green Economy
	the natural and historic environment	environment and healthy ecosystem contributes to benefits for: health, wellbeing, enjoyment, sense of place, and cultural identity. This priority will also include respecting the outdoors, the natural environment, and our communities with prevention of litter and fly tipping. It will also look to regenerate vacant and derelict land to open spaces that people can use encourage the regeneration of natural environments where appropriate. It will also look at the positive role that the historic environment can play in people accessing outdoors. This priority will make reference to the work carried out within our Air Quality and Biodiversity strategies and within our Nature restoration programme.				
10	Conserve, restore and improve biodiversity, and use nature-based solutions in tackling the climate crisis	This priority will focus on the role of the natural environment in tackling climate change. The creation, restoration, management and protection of natural carbon sinks and their capacity to sequester and store carbon, can be used to offset residual carbon emissions. Ecosystem services can also help us adapt to the impacts of climate change through for example: natural flood management; shading; cooling; and improving air quality as well as providing food, drinking water, timber, cultural experience, recreation. This priority will be addressed through an ecosystems approach which aims to protect species and habitats. It will help to build robust ecosystems that are adaptable to changes in climate and bring multiple benefits for wildlife and people. Tourism and the food sector rely on the provision of ecosystems from a high-quality environment, contributing to economic growth. This priority will make reference to the work carried out within our Local Flood Risk Management Plans and River Basin Planning Management and flood risk management duties. This priority also links with our Good Food Strategy which aims to work with partners and the private sector to explore and implement practices that will	X	X	X	X

We will		Overview	Strategic Themes			
			People	Communities and Place	Natural Environment	Green Economy
		help tackle the impact of food systems on the environment and climate change.				
11	Enable a fair transition to a green economy leaving no one behind	The priority will include action to encourage innovation and investment in green businesses and jobs opportunities to South Lanarkshire. It will include training and re-skill people for green jobs and to ensure that no-one is left behind. It will include working with partners to deliver the Scottish Government Heat In Buildings Strategy, encouraging renewable heat and heat networks. This priority will require working collaboratively with various partners including, businesses, education establishments, further education, and members of the Lanarkshire Economic Forum	X	X		X
12	Lead the transition to a circular economy and improve resource efficiency through responsible consumption and production, and buying and selling of local goods and services	This priority will include action to influence responsible consumption and production. It will encourage a transition to a circular economy where goods and materials are kept in use longer either through reuse, refurbish or reconditioned. It will help to promote a culture shift in our consumption of goods and will also include action to encourage shopping locally and buying locally sourced food. Procurement practices across South Lanarkshire are a key in the transition to a circular economy. Procurement practices can also help to tackle the climate emergency	X		X	X
13	Support South Lanarkshire's businesses in the transition to a net-zero economy and building climate resilience	Industry and businesses, including agriculture, are the third largest contributor to carbon emissions in the area. This priority will focus on supporting the business sector be more environmentally sustainable, more energy efficient, reduce reliance of fossil fuels, encourage and develop renewable heat and heat networks and help to put businesses on the pathway to net-zero and climate resilience				X

Glossary of terms

Term	Explanation
Area-wide emissions	Emissions for South Lanarkshire area that incorporates the following sources: domestic, commercial and industry, transport, land-use, and the public sector
Biodiversity	The variety of life which inhabits the planet including plants, animals insects, and also the surroundings they live in
Carbon	Known as Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂) – is the primary greenhouse gas emitted. A naturally occurring greenhouse gas, however it can be produced by burning of fossil fuels and biomass, and other activities. It is CO ₂ generated by human activities that is the main contributor to climate change.
Carbon footprint	A measure of the amount of CO ₂ emitted from activities. South Lanarkshire Council's carbon footprint, it is made up from five sources: energy consumption from buildings, household waste, energy consumption from street lighting, fuel consumption from our fleet, and staff business travel
Carbon sequestration	The long-term storage of carbon in plants, soils, geologic formations, and the ocean, also known as carbon sinks
Circular economy	A model of production and consumption, which involves sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing, and recycling existing materials and products as long as possible
Climate Adaptation	Actions or changes required in anticipation of, or in response to, the impacts of a changing climate
Climate Change	Any notable change in the measures of climate such as temperature, rainfall, wind patterns that occur over a period of time
Climate Change Act	This refers to the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act. The primary objective of the Act is to raise the ambition of the greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets set out in the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009. This was amended by the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019 which increased the ambition of Scotland's emissions reduction targets to net zero by 2045
Climate Change Plan	Scotland's current Climate Change Plan is the fourth report on proposals and policies covering the period 2018 to 2032. It sets out the Scottish Government's pathway to meeting climate change targets
Climate emergency	A situation in which urgent action is required to reduce or halt climate change and avoid potentially irreversible environmental damage resulting from it – also referred to as the Climate Crisis
Climate inequalities	The unequal impact of extreme weather on people

Climate justice	Finding solutions to the climate crisis that not only reduce emissions or protect the natural world, but that do so in a way which creates a fairer, more just and more equal world in the process
Climate resilience	Climate resilience is the ability to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to hazardous events, trends, or disturbances related to climate
COP26	The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, more commonly referred to as COP26, was the 26th United Nations Climate Change conference, held in Glasgow from 31 October to 13 November 2021. COP stands for Conference of the Parties
Decarbonisation	The reduction, leading to eradication of, carbon emissions. Decarbonisation can be employed in a number of sectors such as heat, electricity, transport etc.
Economic Growth	<i>Economic growth</i> is an increase in the production of economic goods and services, compared from one period of time to another
Ecosystem	A system that includes all living organisms in an area as well as its physical environment. Ecosystem Services are the benefits provided by ecosystems that contribute to making human life both possible and worth living, such as food and water, regulation of floods, soil erosion and disease outbreaks, and non-material benefits such as recreational and spiritual benefits in natural areas
Embodied carbon	The carbon footprint of a building or infrastructure project before it becomes operational
Energy efficient	A device or building that is energy-efficient uses relatively little energy to provide the power it needs
Energy from Waste	The process of generating energy in the form of electricity and/or heat from the primary treatment of waste , or the processing of waste into a fuel source
Energy Performance Certificate	An <i>Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)</i> measures the energy efficiency of property on a scale of A-G
Fuel Poverty	The definition of fuel poverty in Scotland is if a household spends more than 10% of its income on fuel costs and if the remaining household income is insufficient to maintain an adequate standard of living
Global Warming	A gradual increase in the overall temperature of the earth's atmosphere generally attributed to the greenhouse effect caused by increased levels of carbon dioxide, CFCs, and other pollutants
Green economy	A green economy is defined as low carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive. In a green economy, growth in employment and income are driven by public and private investment into such

economic activities, infrastructure and assets that allow reduced carbon emissions and pollution, enhanced energy and resource efficiency, and prevention of the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Green job	Green jobs are decent jobs that contribute to preserve or restore the environment, be they in traditional sectors such as manufacturing and construction, or in new, emerging green sectors such as renewable energy and energy efficiency. The range of green jobs make up the green labour market.
Green Recovery	A widely adopted term for a package of environmental, regulatory, and fiscal reforms to recover prosperity after the COVID-19 pandemic
Greenhouse Gases	<p>Greenhouse gases (GHGs) stop heat escaping from the earth's atmosphere ensuring that the planet is warm enough to sustain life. Human activity has increased the emission of GHGs contributing to global warming. The primary GHG in the earth's atmosphere is Carbon Dioxide, other GHGs includes Methane, Nitrous oxide, Chlorofluorocarbons. As Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) is the primary GHG, the term carbon emissions or emissions are used instead of GHGs. Greenhouse gas emissions fall into two categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct greenhouse gas emissions are emissions from sources that are owned or controlled by the reporting entity. e.g. gas consumption and fuel consumption from fleet• Indirect GHG emissions are emissions that are a consequence of the activities of the reporting entity but occur at sources owned or controlled by another entity. e.g. consumption of purchased electricity, heat or steam, waste disposal, business travel, purchased goods and services
Greenspace	Land that is partly or completely covered with grass, trees, shrubs, or other vegetation. Green space includes parks, community gardens, and cemeteries
Just transition	The term is used to refer to the notion that justice and equity must form an integral part of the transition towards a low-carbon world
LED	Stands for "Light-Emitting Diode." An LED is an electronic device that emits light when an electrical current is passed through it. LEDs are energy efficient and have a long lifespan
Nature-based Solutions	The sustainable management and use of natural features and processes to tackle socio-environmental challenges. These challenges include issues such as climate change, water security, water pollution, food security, human health, biodiversity loss and disaster risk management
Net zero	A term applied to both GHGs and carbon emissions which means achieving a balance between the greenhouse gases put into the atmosphere and those taken out through sequestration or carbon storage. The Scottish Government's national target of net-zero emissions by 2045 is for all greenhouse gas emissions

Public Sector Climate Change	The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 places legislative duties on public bodies relating to climate change, requiring them to contribute to
Duties	carbon emissions reduction targets; contribute to climate change adaptation; and to act sustainably
Resource efficiency	Using the Earth's limited resources in a sustainable manner while minimising impacts on the environment
Sustainable Development Goals	The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), were adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030
Zero direct emissions	Reducing direct emissions to zero (that there are no direct emissions produced)
Zero-waste	<i>Zero waste</i> is a set of principles focused on waste prevention that encourages the redesign of resource life cycles so that all products are reused

Report

Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	31 August 2022
Report by:	Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)

Subject:	Carbon Emissions - Non-Domestic Buildings
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of this report is to:-

- ◆ advise on the baseline carbon emissions for the Council's non-domestic operational property portfolio
- ◆ advise on the progress in the reduction of carbon emissions from non-domestic properties to date and advise what actions are required to achieve the Scottish Government target for public sector buildings to be Zero emissions by 2038

2. Recommendations

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the current carbon emissions baseline in relation to the operational non-domestic property portfolio be noted; and
- (2) that the actions that will be required to meet the Scottish Government target of Zero carbon emissions for Public Sector buildings in Scotland by 2038 be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Scottish Government has set out emission reduction targets in legislation with the intention for Scotland to become Net Zero by 2045. This means the amount of greenhouse gas emissions we put into the atmosphere and the amount we're able to take out will add up to zero.
- 3.2. However, for Public Sector non-domestic buildings the target for emissions is more challenging with emissions from heating being reduced to zero emissions from heat by 2038. This would mean that no council building falling into this category would be able to generate heat from the burning of fossil fuels after this date as offsetting is not an option.
- 3.3. The UK Government has set a target for the Electricity grid to be Net Zero by 2035. Assuming this Government target is achieved by phasing out the use of fossil fuels as a source of heat in our council buildings and replacing by electrically powered heating systems then the 2038 target becomes achievable. However, the investment required is very significant in terms of both capital and revenue.

- 3.4. It is anticipated that as fossil fuels are replaced by electrically powered solutions for heating and transport that the demand on the electricity grid is likely to double which has implications in terms of stability of supply.

4. Carbon Emissions Baseline

- 4.1. Based on financial year 2019/2020 consumption figures – the Carbon emissions from the Council's non-domestic buildings were approximately 38,200 tonnes of Carbon Dioxide equivalent (tCO₂). Approximately 24,000 tCO₂ (63%) of those emissions were due to the burning of fossil fuels for heating and cooking.

4.2. Carbon Emissions breakdown of by Building category

Category	Total Emissions tonnes CO ₂ e	Percentage emissions
Primary Estate	12,830	34%
Secondary Estate	6,773	18%
Wet Leisure Centres	5,450	14%
Corporate Buildings	2,722	7%
Social Work - all	2,507	7%
Halls	2,219	6%
Data Centre	648	2%
Town Halls	566	1%
Fleet Sites	478	1%
Libraries	384	1%
Pavilions	320	1%
Dry Leisure Centres	319	1%
Nurseries	282	1%
Business Units	209	1%
Universal Connections	208	1%
Crematorium	204	1%
Ice Rink	198	1%
Roads Depots	196	1%
Country Parks	193	1%
Museum	147	<1%
Car Parks	48	<1%
Other	1,291	3%
Grand Total	38,192	100%

Table 1 – Breakdown of Total Emissions by Building Category using energy consumption figures for 2019/2020

4.3. Carbon Emissions from Electricity consumption

- 4.3.1. Carbon emissions from Grid Electricity have halved in the last decade which has been the primary driver of the Council's emissions reductions in respect to non-domestic buildings. The effect of this reduction in the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions factor for grid electricity has resulted in the Council's emissions figures being cut by circa 1,000+ tCO₂/pa over the last few years.

4.3.2. Delivery of various projects such as the installation of voltage optimisers and solar Photovoltaic (PV) systems and upgrading lighting with LEDs via the Central Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF) programme have previously contributed to the reduction in emissions from electricity, however, as the grid has progressed towards the 2035 net zero target the carbon savings per measure have reduced in line e.g., installing a large 50kWp PV system on a primary school roof would have saved 21 tCO₂ in 2011 compared to just 10 tCO₂ today.

4.4. Carbon Emissions from Gas Consumption

4.4.1. Carbon emissions from natural gas depend on two factors – the amount of gas consumed which is related to outside temperature, and the GHG emission factor used to multiple the gas consumption figure. The GHG figure hasn't varied much over the last decade since the hydrocarbon composition of Natural Gas varies little from year to year.

4.4.2. Investment via the CEEF programme over the years by installing insulation measures, upgrading heating controls and installing more efficient gas boilers has assisted in reducing the amount of gas consumed on such sites where measures have been installed. However, unlike electricity the ability to decarbonise the gas grid is currently limited. Since 2012 the grid gas emissions factor has reduced by just 1.1%

4.5. Carbon Emissions from changes in the council non-domestic portfolio

4.5.1. Since 2019/2020, the Council's largest consumer of grid electricity, the Caird Data Centre has been winding down and has now been disposed of. However, the addition of 8 new nurseries during the same period with gas heating systems has offset the benefits of this disposal in terms of carbon emissions by around a third.

4.6. Other factors affecting Carbon Emissions

4.6.1 The ventilation control measures introduced due to covid have increased carbon emission as the additional demand for heat has led to an increase in gas consumption.

4.6.2 The Green House Gas emission factor which is calculated for grid electricity is expected to temporarily reverse its downward trend in the coming periods due to lower renewable energy production in 2021. This will reduce the benefits to the Council of year on year of carbon savings attributed to grid improvements.

5. **Action to Reduce Carbon Emissions from Non–Domestic Properties to Zero by 2038**

5.1. To meet the zero emissions target for public sector buildings by 2038, the Council requires to eliminate c. 38,200 tCO₂ of carbon emissions based on financial year 2019/2020 emissions.

5.2. Assuming the electricity grid decarbonises by 2035 as set by the UK Government then the Council needs to prioritise the elimination of fossil fuels for heating and cooking purposes. That is the elimination of c 24,000 tCO₂ of emissions at a rate of c. 1,500 tCO₂ per year.

5.3. Currently the Council has 261 non housing properties heated by gas or gas hybrid systems and a further 29 heated by oil or oil hybrid systems. Assuming all these buildings are to be retained for future service delivery, then all 290 buildings would require heating system replacements and fabric upgrade works

carried out by 2038 - approximately 19 buildings per year. The table below lists the top 4 Building Categories based on emissions from burning a fossil fuel on site.

Building Category	Average carbon emissions from burning fossil fuel per building tCO ₂	No of properties heated by fossil fuel
Wet Leisure sites	549	9
High Schools	248	17
Corporate Buildings	170	7
Primary Schools	85	109

Table: Carbon Emissions from burning fossil fuels for heat or cooking by building type

- 5.4. Due to the scale of investment required it is essential that before embarking upon investment there is a thorough assessment of service requirements to identify properties that are unlikely to be required in future and what carbon reductions can be achieved through repurposing, demolition or disposal.
- 5.5. Option appraisal work will require to be carried out on a site-by-site basis as it is unlikely that a single heating/ fabric solution will be feasible at each site. For example, a ground source heat pump solution while being one of the most efficient means of supplying heat requires a sufficiently large area of land to sink boreholes and the correct type of ground conditions to maximise performance.
- 5.6. It is essential that before such heating systems are replaced that fabric and ventilation improvements are carried out at these buildings in advance. Fabric improvements will also be required at the c. 125 buildings that are currently already heated by non-fossil fuel systems.
- 5.7 The route map towards an investment plan would be:-

2022/2023 –

- ◆ realign existing programmes to fabric first
- ◆ undertake 3 feasibility studies and report on recommendations
- ◆ commence area-based asset review
- ◆ identify a funding stream for options appraisals to be carried out on a building-by-building basis
- ◆ assessment of the skills and resource required to deliver and implement the investment plan

2023/2024

- ◆ complete area-based asset review
- ◆ develop first 3-year programme
- ◆ development of Local Heat and Energy Strategies (LHEES) and implementation plan

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. Significant investment will be required to transition our non-domestic property portfolio to zero carbon heating systems. At present it is extremely difficult to estimate the figures as there are so many market variables, one solution will not meet the criteria for all properties and technology is moving quickly. There is no budget currently identified in the capital programme for these works. There is only limited general capital grant funding currently available to the Council and

further external funding would need to be sought/provided for these works to be affordable.

- 6.2. Funding for 3 feasibility studies has been awarded by the Climate Emergency Fund to assist in the early assessment of the budgets that will be required between now and 2038 to upgrade building fabric and replace heating systems. Options for funding will be considered as part of this feasibility work.
- 6.3. During the transition from gas to electricity for heat there is likely to be an increase in revenue utility costs in the short to medium term due to the unit cost differential between the two fuel sources. Currently the kilowatt rate for electricity is four times more expensive than the rate for gas, however, each site will present different outcomes depending on works carried out. -The level of impact on Council's revenue budgets will need to be ascertained through the feasibility works above.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. Failure to meet sustainable development and climate change objectives is one of the Council's top risks. Decarbonising heat and increasing the energy efficiency within Council properties will help meet these objectives.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. The decarbonisation of heat from the Council's non-Domestic property portfolio is essential for the Council to meet the Emissions Reductions Targets set in regulation by the Scottish Government.
- 8.2. The shape and nature of the Council's property portfolio has been driven by the requirements of individual services, however, prior to embarking on the required programme of investment, a fundamental review of service and area need should be undertaken to identify opportunities to reduce the property estate and to maximise the service benefits from the investment in the remaining assets.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy has undertaken a public consultation, an equalities impact assessment, and a fairer Scotland assessment.

Daniel Lowe

Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)

23 August 2022

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

Values

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable

Priorities

- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places

Outcomes

- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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Report

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Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	31 August 2022
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Good Food Strategy Update – Quarter 4 2021/2022
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update the Committee on the status of Good Food Strategy actions and measures at Quarter 4 of 2021/2022

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the 2021/2022 Q4 position in respect of actions and measures within the Good Food Strategy be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. On 4 December 2019, the Executive Committee approved the Good Food Strategy which covers a five year period from 2020 to 2025.
- 3.2. The vision of the Strategy is to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of everyone in South Lanarkshire through the development of a Good Food Council where food is celebrated, supports healthy life and wellbeing, is affordable and accessible to all, encourages a fair and inclusive food economy, has limited impacts on the environment and climate change and promotes animal welfare.
- 3.3. The Strategy sets out outcomes and actions organised around six themes and twelve objectives:-

Good Food at Home and in the Community

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

Good Food in the Public Sector

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

Good Food Economy

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

Good Food Growing

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

Good Food for the Environment

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

Good Food Governance

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

- 3.4. The Strategy action plan sets out specific actions to be undertaken to deliver these objectives under each theme.
- 3.5. The action plan was approved by the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 10 February 2021 and is monitored using IMPROVe. Its progress is reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee at Quarter 2 and Quarter 4.

4. Good Food Strategy 2021/2022 Q4 Update

- 4.1. The action plan progress report comes in two parts; the first part contains performance/contextual measures towards the Strategy's outcomes, and the second part contains improvement actions for each of the themes within the Strategy.
- 4.2. The overall summary of performance measures at the end of quarter 4 is as follows:-

Total number of performance/ contextual measures		21
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	10 (48%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	1 (5%)
Status - Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target	2 (10%)
Reportable at a later stage/ contextual	For some measures, the statistics are not yet available to allow us to report whether the target has been reached or not. These will be reported when available	8 (38%)

Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding

- 4.3. The indicator showing an amber status refers to the increase of the size of the land provided for council managed food growing sites. Land available increased by 20% compared to the objective of 25% due to construction delays on Lesmahagow Road allotment in Strathaven (the site was handed over in May 2022). Two indicators related to food waste are red. We planned to estimate the share of households using the Council's food waste collection service through a survey. However, the analysis could not be undertaken as employees from the Waste Education team who were supposed to carry out the survey were redeployed to other priority activities in Waste Services in the Covid-19 context. A pilot project was developed to estimate the share of food waste from primary and secondary school dining rooms compared to food

produced. However, food waste from the dining rooms could not be identified and was instead included in the overall waste calculation in school dining rooms and kitchens.

4.4. The overall summary of improvements actions at the end of quarter 4 is as follows:-

Total number of improvement actions		36
Status - Blue	Action Complete	7 (19%)
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	26 (72%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	0 (0%)
Status - Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target	3 (8%)
Reportable at a later stage/ contextual	For some measures, the statistics are not yet available to allow us to report whether the target has been reached or not. These will be reported when available	0 (0%)

Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding

4.5. Three of the measures are red. This includes the status of the action referring to the development of the Council Open Space Strategy and the assessment of food growing opportunities. The Scottish Government postponed the publication of the final version of the regulations, and this delay negatively impacted the development of the Open Space Strategy for South Lanarkshire and delayed the completion of the local audit. The measure referring to the development of the action plan to achieve the Food for Life bronze award is also red. The action plan was not developed following the decision to not take forward the award based on the assessment carried out this year. The cost implications of making the required changes on the menu to achieve the award could not be justified. The last red measure is an action that should have been carried out by the Waste Education Team about the revision of the educational programme in school to better take into account food waste. However, this team was redeployed to other priority activities in the Covid-19 context and therefore the action could not be undertaken.

4.6. Progress on all objectives, actions and measures is set out in appendix 1. Some of the highlights for each of the themes of the action plan include:-

Good food at home and the community

- ◆ As community food organisations play a key role in tackling food insecurity, the Council continued to support them. An allocation of £0.048m was given to seven food banks through the Winter Fund provided by the Scottish Government.
- ◆ The Community Engagement Team directly issued food parcels to 454 households (feeding 1,032 people) through the Wellbeing line.
- ◆ To improve access to food, advice and support, the Council published the booklet “Money is not the only problem” and collaborated with the Independent Food Aid Network to develop and publish the “Cash First Referral Leaflet” for the area. Both are available in public places and in third sector organisations and can also be found online.
- ◆ 9,557 children were eligible for low income-based Free School Meals Payments during the school holiday periods (£30 payment per fortnight).

- ◆ 70 primary schools participated in the “Eat Them to Defeat Them” campaign with veg-themed lunches and activities organised for a period of five weeks. The national campaign from Veg Power and ITV uses advertising and programmes in schools to promote vegetable consumption.
- ◆ The Kitchen Learning Hub (KLH) was delivered to 42 service users of the Unpaid Work Service (Social Work). KLH is an ongoing practical cooking and education course that service users can take as part of the therapeutic, groupwork and vocational learning proportion of their court-ordered community service. Bread making sessions were also delivered.
- ◆ The Youth Family and Community Learning Service (Education) continued to provide food related learning programmes. In total, 414 learners participated in food related programmes including 63 who have achieved a national recognised food related award.

Good food in the public sector

- ◆ Menus in schools are now compliant with the new regulation for Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in schools.
- ◆ Following the establishment of the Sustainable Food Procurement group, a session called “How do Local Authorities procure Food and Drink” was organised at the Lanarkshire Meet the Buyer event with the objective to provide information to local businesses on how they can supply food and drink to the Council. Funding was also secured, and a consultancy firm identified to carry out an analysis of the capacity of local food and drink businesses to supply food and drink to the different council buyers (the analysis will be undertaken in 2022/2023).

Good food economy

- ◆ 93% of food businesses were compliant with food safety statutory requirements, the target being 85%.
- ◆ The Economic Development Team ran a project funded by the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) Consulting and the Council to raise the profile of the local food and drink sector. This included encouraging groups and schools to grow food and offering support to community groups and schools in building skills, gaining employability and providing information about setting up food businesses.
- ◆ The Council part-funded a co-ordinator post for Lanarkshire Larder, which is a local network for local food and drink businesses.
- ◆ Several food related businesses also received Council grants to support their development and growth. The Council also worked closely with other organisations to offer a “one-stop shop” approach to support businesses.

Good food growing

- ◆ Number of plot holders on council managed sites increased by 31% with the opening of the new allotment in Lammermoor in East Kilbride compared to a target of a 20% increase. A site is also under construction in Strathaven and it is planned to investigate two sites to serve Hamilton and surrounding areas.
- ◆ It is estimated that over 2,210 pupils were directly involved in food growing activities.

Good food and the environment

- ◆ The Council signed the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration (July 2021) showing its commitment to tackle climate emergency through integrated food policies.
- ◆ The decision was taken to 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 (estimated start late summer 2022).
- ◆ With support from the Council, 77 tonnes of food surplus have been distributed by the charity FareShare to local organisations. This represents 183,337 meal portions and a value of £275,005.
- ◆ Several campaigns promoting sustainable food were also developed or shared on the intranet and social media such as the publication of the seasonality calendars, promotion of the Fairtrade Fortnight or promotion of the Love Food Hate Waste action week.

Good food governance

- ◆ A network composed of food stakeholders from the third, private and public sector regularly met to discuss specific food topics such as the impact of Covid-19 on food, links between the food system and climate change, local food as part of the national consultation “Local food for everyone” or links between food and planning.
- ◆ Membership to the UK network Sustainable Food Places was achieved (June 2021). This recognises and celebrates the partnership approach that the Council is taking to achieve positive changes on a range of key food issues.
- ◆ Discussions were initiated with the Community Planning Partnership Progress Board on how to embed food more strategically into community planning.

5. Other Food Related Actions not Included in the IMPROVe Report

- 5.1. Other actions in relation to food were developed but are not included in the IMPROVe report as the decision to implement them was taken after the approval of the 2021/2022 action plan.
- 5.2. This includes the expansion of Universal Free School Meals to P5 children and the development of the Scottish Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme in nursery. Both initiatives started in August 2021.
- 5.3. Summer Session hubs ran within 14 locations across South Lanarkshire for a period of 6 weeks with breakfast and lunch served every day. Enrolment in the clubs was primarily targeted at those in receipt of free school meal entitlement, living with mental health, isolation, bereavement, anxiety, and financial difficulties and who are living in the surrounding communities. 834 participants attended and Facilities Services provided up to 10,000 meals over the duration of the programme.

5.4. As noted by this Committee at its meeting on 3 November 2021, two community grants schemes were launched in January 2022 offering the possibility for community groups and external partners operating in South Lanarkshire to apply to the Climate Emergency Fund (including for food projects) and Food Strategy Support Fund. Progress in the delivery of these grants is being presented to this Committee in a separate report.

6. Employee Implications

6.1. Resources and Services involved in food related activities are required to contribute to the implementation of the Good Food Strategy to ensure that actions and targets are met. The Policy Officer (Food Development) monitors and reports the Council's progress.

7. Financial Implications

7.1. Specific financial implications relating to the implementation of the action plan were reported on a case-by-case basis.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

8.1. The Food action plan 2021/2022, by taking into account all the aspects of the food systems from farm to fork and encouraging the transition towards a more sustainable food system, will help to achieve the objectives of the Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy.

9. Other Implications

9.1. There are no implications for risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

10.1. The Equality Impact Assessment has been conducted and approved.

11. Strategic Environmental Assessment

11.1. Following the SEA pre-screening exercise and communication with the Scottish Government, it was concluded that no further action was required in relation to the SEA process for the Good Food Strategy

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23 August 2022

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Working with and respecting others
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ◆ Ambitious, self-aware and improving
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ Excellent employer

Priorities

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress and improve

Outcomes

- ◆ Our children and young people thrive
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible
- ◆ Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee 4 December 2019 - Good Food Strategy
- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 10 February 2021 – Action Plan for the second year of implementation of the Good Food Strategy
- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 3 November 2021 - Community Grants - Climate Emergency Fund and Food Strategy Support Fund
- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 2 February 2022 – Good Food Strategy Update – Q2 2021-22

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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The cover graphic features a large white plate with a green rim and a grey fork resting on it. The background is a warm orange-yellow gradient with various food-related icons: a carrot, a tomato, a cow, a whisk, a chef's hat, a strawberry, a cheese wedge, a sheep, and a recycling symbol. The text "South Lanarkshire" is in grey, "Good Food" is in large green letters, and "Strategy 2020-2025" is in red.

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Performance Report

Quarter 4 : 2021/22 - April to March

Sustainable
South Lanarkshire

The logo for Sustainable South Lanarkshire, featuring a circular emblem with icons for a person, a leaf, and a gear, set against a background of stylized waves.

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.



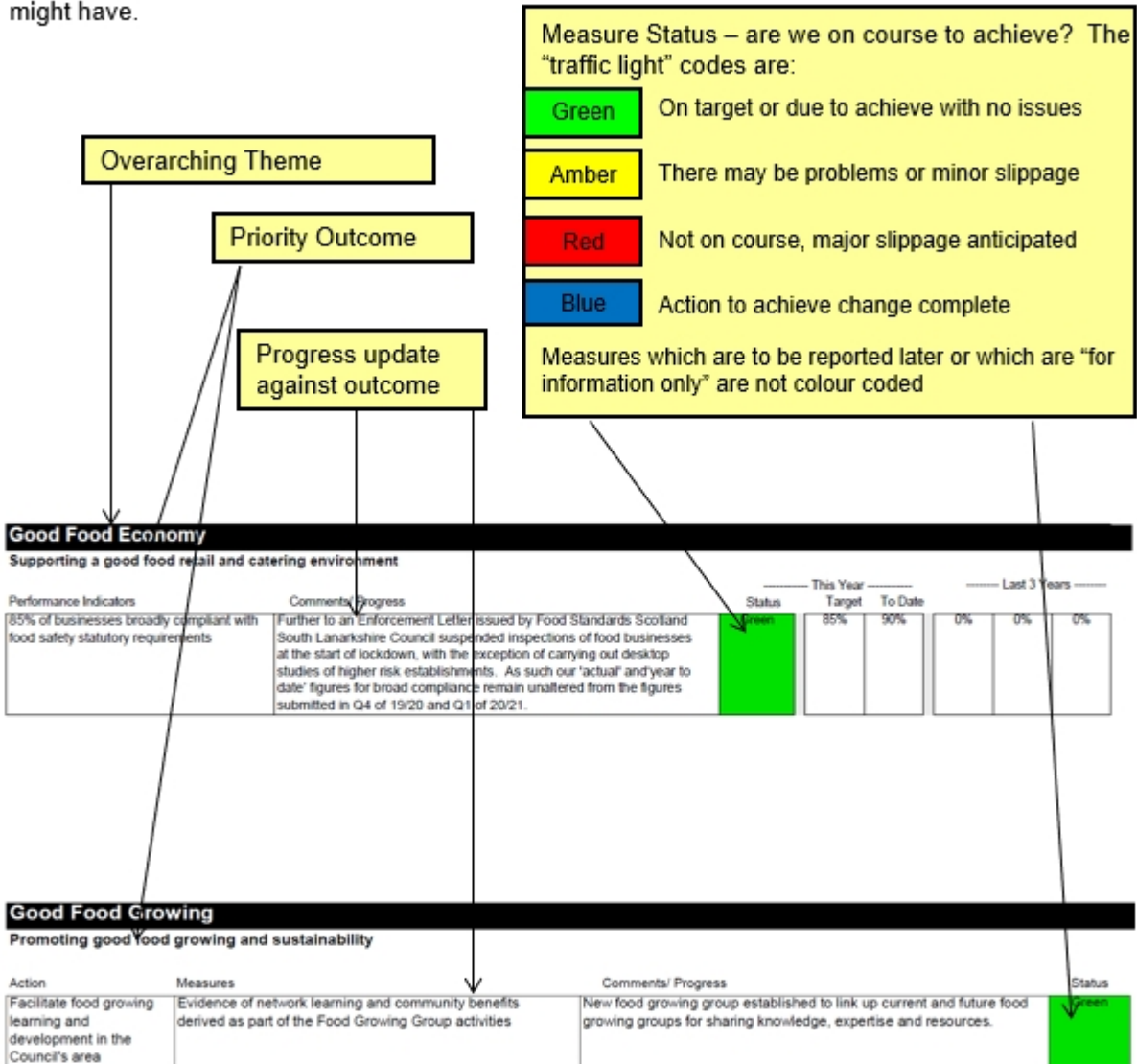
Good Food Governance

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	2020/21
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/
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%

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	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
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%

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	2020/21
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	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	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

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
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

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

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

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

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

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

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
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

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
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

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
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

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
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

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

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 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

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
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 Governance

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

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	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 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).	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	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. 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.	Green

Report

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Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	31 August 2022
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Food Growing Annual Report 2021/2022
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ advise on the content of the report published on the Council' website in accordance with the Scottish Government's legislative requirements

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the content of the Food Growing Annual Report for 2021/2022, attached as an appendix to the report, be noted.

3. Background

3.1. Following the introduction of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, further guidance was issued by the Scottish Government in June 2019 relating specifically to Part 9 covering food growing provision.

3.2. The Council is required to electronically publish an annual report incorporating mandatory information outlined by the Scottish Government in relation to food growing.

4. Food Growing Annual Report

4.1. The Annual Report details food growing activity and related financial information during the period April 2021 to March 2022.

4.2. Whilst progress was disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic as the Council was required to reduce and suspend a number of services following Government advice, work has continued where possible.

4.3. The Annual Report for 2021/2022 can be found in Appendix 1.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. Collating information for the Annual Report from all contributors is the key task of Amenity Services.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. Although there are no financial implications at this stage, specific financial implications related to the implementation of new sites will be reported on a case by case basis.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. By promoting food growing which is environmentally friendly and helps tackle climate change, the Food Growing Strategy is aligned with the sustainable development and climate change objectives of the Council. More specifically, it supports the outcomes of the current Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy, in particular Outcome 1.2 stating that the Council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources. It also aims at connecting with the community, partners and the private sector to reduce the impacts of the food system – from farm to fork - on the environment and its contribution to climate change.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. There are no implications for risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. The food growing report is prepared annually to meet legislative requirements and reflects the overarching aims of the Food Growing Strategy 2020-2025 which has been impact assessed.
- 9.2. The Council's Food Growing Group made up of other Council resources, third party organisations and allotment associations are consulted on the annual report and are required to provide information relating to their own food growing activity.

David Booth

Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

10 August 2022

Links to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable

Priorities

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places

Outcomes

- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible

Previous References

- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 4 November 2020 - Food Growing Strategy 2020-2025
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 12 December 2019 – Proposals for Food Growing Strategy 2020 to 2025
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 22 January 2019 – Allotments and Management Rules
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 12 December 2017 – Consultation on Part 9, Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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South Lanarkshire Council DRAFT Annual Food Growing Report April 2021 – March 2022

1. Formal food growing provision

In 2021/22 South Lanarkshire provided the following food growing sites:

Location	Developed	Approx size	No of plots as at 31 March 2022
Allers Allotments, East Kilbride	Pre 1996	17,500m ²	112
Richmond Allotments, Rutherglen	Pre 1996	4,060m ²	19
Fernbrae Meadows, Rutherglen	2019	6,660m ²	71
Murray Recreation raised bed site, East Kilbride	2019	2,000m ²	70
Lammermoor Allotments, East Kilbride	2021	6,145m ²	63
		36,365	335

In comparison to 2020/21, food growing opportunities for a further 80 people has been provided.

Additionally, a new site is under construction in Strathaven that will deliver food growing opportunities for up to 21 people. A further two sites to serve Hamilton and surrounding areas are being investigated early stage of discussions on a further site in Rutherglen.

2. Alternative/Community Food Growing Provision

To supplement formal allotment provision, the Council is also committed to working in partnership where possible to provide land for alternative food growing, such as Community orchards, gardens, raised bed areas, fruit, vegetable and herb areas and planters in parks and other spaces.

There are a number of designated community food growing areas currently on Council land that are managed by community groups, who have secured a lease, arranged and monitored by Housing and Technical Resources property team:

Group/Location	Approx Size (m²)	Avg Users	Lease Duration	Rent (PA)
Grow 73 Community Growing Site –	5,000	420	15 year lease until 10/01/2036	£1

Overton Park, Rutherglen				
Larkhall Community Growers, Wilkie Crescent, Larkhall	2522	40	02/05/2011 - 11/05/2026	£1
Bothwell Community Growers, Bothwell Road, Blantyre	7588	120	19/02/2010 - 03/10/2024	£1
Forth Growers, Hailstone Green Recreation Area, Forth	2085	46	02/09/2013 - 01/09/2033	£1
East Kilbride Development Trust, Calderglen Country Park, East Kilbride	2910	80	Annual	£1
Castlebank Horticultural Centre, Castlebank Park, Lanark	2435	40	01/10/2013 - 01/10/2033	£1
TACT Community Hall, Hillview Drive, Blantyre	625	6	Annual	£12
Carluke Development Trust, Jock's Burn, Carluke	3003	100	14/01/2017- 20/01/2023	£1
SOC Comely Bank, 33 Comely Bank, Hamilton	3113	*Project under development	15 year lease until 01/12/2036	£1

To supplement this activity there is a range of informal activity taking place on council land across the Council area.

Group/Location	Approx size	Avg users
Hunthill orchard and Community Raised beds	565m2	12
Friends of Cadzow Glen Orchard and community growing, Cadzow Glen	400m2	4
Cadzow Community Corps, Chatelherault Country Park	500m2	7
Treetops Nursery planters	20m2	69
Friends of Strathaven Park community raised beds	50m2	70

Whitehill Veterans Community Growing	640m2	20
Calderglen Community Orchard	N/A	6
Mini Orchard – Cambuslang Park	N/A	N/A
Mini Orchard – Castlebank Park	N/A	N/A
Springhall Community Gardens		28
Colours of Drumilaw	N/A	No figures submitted

Friends of Fernbrae Meadows lease a plot at Fernbrae Meadows, Rutherglen, and have 14 adults and 4 children regularly involved in growing on the site.

The total number of people currently involved in alternative food growing initiatives is estimated to be 5,222. Detailed information on all food growing activities is available on the Council's food growing story board - [Food growing \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com).

The Council's community payback unpaid work team have opened a food growing area at their Auchentibber base with the intention of offering food growing tuition to their clients. This project is currently under development.

Universal Connections at the Key in East Kilbride have set up a community growing project and is offering opportunities to those over the age of 16 to have the chance to grow food.

3. Community Benefits

The Council has created a food growing group to provide a forum for participants to share information and services with external and internal partners as well as create opportunities for learning and development. During 2021/22, the following has been delivered by the Council or in partnership:

- Planted two small orchards in Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park, which comprise 12 mixed variety dwarf fruit trees at each site, for use by local children and community groups.
- Added six fruit trees to a local park in Blantyre
- Provided 4 wheelbarrows to Grow 73 to aid in their community growing site
- Awarded £20,000 to food growing initiatives to aid in their development
- Provided wildflower seeds to all Council managed allotment sites and some community growing sites, for attracting pollinators
- Supplied seeds, window boxes and herbs to 55 groups and primary schools who are participating in a Council run food growing and entrepreneurship scheme
- Planted 800 trees in 13 Covid memorial orchards in 11 district parks and two country parks in South Lanarkshire.
- Issued information on the Climate Challenge Fund to allotment holders and food growing group
- Established a link between Education and NHS resources to Greening Camglen's school mentoring and training initiative for schools in Cambuslang and Rutherglen
- Issued information from Greenspace Scotland to community growing groups, schools and the food growing group members for wider distribution to their contacts
- Referred 612 people to CCI Gardener's Den network

- Established a link between GreeningCamglen with EK Development Trust to try to co-ordinate a more comprehensive seed exchange. Provided information to schools and care homes about RHS branching out fund
- Issued information on the Council's new climate change and food growing grants to the Food Growing Group

East Kilbride Development Trust has:

- Issued 2,500 seed packs to schools and community organisations around South Lanarkshire

Grow 73 / Healthy'n'Happy has:

- Distributed 500 grow at home packs to schools and community groups in Rutherglen
- 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

Larkhall Community Growers has:

- Donated surplus vegetables to local organisations dealing with the covid response, to chefs who were cooking meals for the shielding group and the local Larkhall & District Volunteer Group.

Schools

The following schools reported food growing activity in 2021/22:

Blacklaw Primary	Blackwood Primary
Bothwell Primary	Burgh Primary
Bankhead Primary	Burnside PS
Carnwath Primary	Coalburn Primary
Craigbank Primary	Douglas Primary
Glengowan Primary	Hunter Primary
Kirkland Primary	Lanark Primary
Law Primary	Libberton Primary
Park View Primary	Robert Owen Primary
Spittal Primary	St John's Hamilton Primary
St Kenneth's Primary	Underbank Primary
Wiston Primary	Biggar High
Duncanrig High	Mount Cameron Primary
Long Calderwood Primary	Cathkin High School
St Joseph's Nursery	Leadhills Primary
Greenburn School	Glenburgh Nursery
Springlaw ELC	Westburn Nursery
St Columbkilles	St Mark's Primary, Rutherglen

- Over 2,210 pupils were directly involved in food growing activities. Examples include provision of raised beds, potato bags, growing in plastic bottles, seed and compost provisions from Morrisons Supermarket, EK Development Trust and Healthy'n'Happy/Grow 73, and SAC scheme run by the Council. Some schools report being sponsored by their Community Councils. A range of fruit trees, lettuce, potatoes, strawberries, garlic and herbs were grown in schools throughout South Lanarkshire.

- Coalburn Primary also received a grant to install water harvesting facilities in the school.
- Healthy'n'Happy has also provided a number of schools with fruit bushes.
- Kirktonholme primary school have won a free trial of a hydroponic growing tower for a term and will be participating in this next year.
- Care homes and Universal Connections Services in South Lanarkshire and hospitals have been subject to lockdown restrictions which has prevented activity from taking place in many of them. Dewar House in Hamilton has grown tomatoes, potatoes and herbs and used them in cooking on site for residents. The growing area has mostly been managed by staff this year, due to challenges associated with the lockdown.

New Charging Framework

As agreed by Committee in January 2019 all historic sites have been measured and new m2 charges will be applied to existing sites as of April 2022. This will bring all charges into line with the m2 rate and all plot holders have been advised in writing.

Please use the link for more information on South Lanarkshire Council food growing charges: https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200166/getting_outdoors/68/allotments

Waiting List

Following the implementation of the Council's Food Growing Strategy and to comply with Scottish Government legislation, the Council has been working towards reducing waiting times to five years and to have less than 50% of people waiting compared to the overall number of plots available. It should be noted that COVID restrictions and supplier disruption had inevitably led to delays in progressing and delivering sites.

As at 31 March 2022, 519 applicants are on the waiting list and of that, 16 have been waiting on a plot for over five years but have chosen to wait for a plot on a specific or new site. It is hoped that once the Strathaven site becomes available, most applicants waiting over 5 years will have been accommodated.

Overall, 37 applicants on the waiting list have been offered a plot but have chosen to wait for a specific or new site. Those who have yet to be offered a plot have been on the waiting list for up to three years.

Breakdown of waiting times as follows (as at 31 March 2022):

Waiting time	No. Applicants
Over 5 years	16
4 years +	5
3 years +	5
2 years +	84
1 year +	180
Under 12 months	229
Total	519

Whilst waiting times have been reduced significantly and the number of sites available increased from 2 to 5 (with a 6th pending completion), an unprecedented level of applications over the last 2 years (mainly during lockdown restrictions) has meant the 50% target has not been achieved. In normal circumstances, it can take 12-18 months to identify land and funding, seek planning consent, tender and deliver a new site notwithstanding delays following lockdown and the ongoing disruption to the supply of construction materials.

Steps Taken

COVID lockdowns and restrictions have had an impact on how much the Council was able to deliver, however, there are some significant impacts that have been achieved.

- Developed a small site in Strathaven, with the potential of accommodating up to 21 people, which is now due for completion in May 2022
- Began development and outline plans for potential further sites at Chatelherault and Blantyre as well as identifying a potential unserved site in Larkhall
- Identified a further potential raised bed site in Cunningar Loop in Rutherglen, in conjunction with Clyde Gateway / Forestry Commission
- Created a Facebook forum for members of the Food Growing Group to enhance links with partners across Council run and Council leased sites for the sharing of resources, information and education purposes
- Provided 30 tonnes of free compost to various community growing initiatives in South Lanarkshire and to allotments sites
- Ringfenced £200,000 for future development of sites
- Planted COVID memorial orchards in the following locations across South Lanarkshire:
 - Overtoun Park
 - Cambuslang Park
 - Stonefield Park
 - Bothwell Rd Park
 - James Hamilton Heritage Loch
 - Town Centre Park
 - Alexander Hamilton Memorial Park
 - Strathaven Park
 - Castlebank Park (Delves Park)
 - Lanark Loch
 - Biggar Public Park (Biggar Burnbraes)
 - Chatelherault
 - Calderglen
- Planted two mini orchards in Castlebank Park and Cambuslang Park
- Installed two composting toilets in Fernbrae Meadows and Lammermoor allotments to reduce the need for using chemical toilets
- Provided a range of start-up tools to new allotments sites
- Referred 192 people to Healthy'n'Happy's Let's Talk About Growing sessions
- Referred 156 people to Healthy'n'Happy's gardening club
- Referred 179 applicants who requested information on community growing ventures to groups in South Lanarkshire
- Referred South Lanarkshire allotments and food growing community groups to information about grants from the Cruach Trust and Tesco community grants.
- Referred South Lanarkshire allotments, Schools and Community Groups to RHS Edible Garden online course.
- Referred 26 food growing group members to Growing Together online resource
- Issued information on the Get Growing Scotland Initiative to 26 members of the food growing group.
- Provided a chipper/shredder to Allers allotments to allow them to compost more of their green waste on site, for use by plot holders. They currently have made around six cubic metres of compost and are now expanding the scheme with the provision of a further chipper
- Providing a chipper/shredder to an allotment site to kickstart the production of compost and wood chips on site and reduce the need to have these delivered from external sources.

- Advised interested groups about establishing community growing spaces and suitability of the land they are enquiring about. Relevant proposals passed to Estates or other appropriate council resource to progress. Groups advised include SOC Comely Bank, Nourish Lanarkshire, Auldhouse and Chapelton, Sessions Park Biggar, Climate Action Strathaven, Coalburn Watch and Group, Burnhill Action Group. This has resulted in the opening of two new community growing sites in Burnhill High Backs and Comely Bank, Hamilton.

Accessibility

There have been no specific requests for special adaptations to be made this year. However, two plot holders were allocated vacant plots in areas of the allotment sites that suited their particular needs. One user needed a quiet plot and the other needed a plot situated in a flat location.

As part of our commitment to providing accessible sites, the new site currently under development in Strathaven and future planned sites will include accessible raised beds for those who may have a physical limitation, as well as a range of plot sizes to ensure that those who cannot manage a larger traditional allotment, can be accommodated.

Two new composting toilets have been installed at Fernbrae Meadows and Lammermoor both of which have wheelchair access.

An access ramp for wheelchair users is being incorporated into the new site at Strathaven.

Income/Expenditure

Financial breakdown 21/22	Revenue Budget	One off funding	Total
Income	£7,797	-	£7,797
Expenditure	£56,341	£31,000	£87,341

Revenue expenditure includes direct staffing costs, routine repairs, maintenance and materials, a replacement polytunnel skin for Murray Recreation site and 3 chippers to improve on site composting and reduce the environmental impact relating to green waste uplifts. One off expenditure relates to the balance of development costs for Lammermoor allotment site.

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Report

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Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	31 August 2022
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Food Growing Sites – Hamilton Area
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update Committee on proposals for developing food growing sites in the Hamilton area

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

(1) that the content of the report be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. Following the introduction of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, the Council's Food Growing Strategy was implemented in 2020.
- 3.2. The Council is legislatively required to increase food growing provision to meet waiting list demands and currently provides 6 council managed sites.
- 3.3. Since the draft guidance was introduced, additional food growing sites have been developed at Murray Recreation in East Kilbride, Fernbrae Meadows in Cathkin and Lammermoor in East Kilbride and a small site in Strathaven has recently been completed. Discussions are ongoing with Clyde Gateway about a potential site at Cuningar Loop in Rutherglen.
- 3.4. To date, efforts have concentrated mainly on East Kilbride and Cambuslang / Rutherglen areas due to higher levels of demand than other areas. However, there is now a reasonable level of demand in the Hamilton area to merit the creation of at least one site initially.
- 3.5. Demand in the Clydesdale area is comparatively low so following proposals for the Hamilton area, the possibility of creating smaller un-serviced sites will be developed to accommodate lower numbers in each area of demand.

4. Hamilton Area Provision

- 4.1. As at February 2022, 70 applications have been received from residents in the Hamilton area and another 29 from surrounding areas. Due to the size and spread of Hamilton, it is anticipated that we would require 2 sites: one to cover Hamilton, Blantyre and surrounding area and the other to cover Hamilton, Larkhall and surrounding area.

4.1.1 A site has been identified at Chatelherault (former garden centre) which would accommodate around 60-90 plot holders depending on who accepts a plot and what size they have requested as plots can be merged or divided to meet individual needs. Initial ground investigations and discussions with planning and roads are positive as there is adequate parking albeit plot holders would be advised when major events are taking place to avoid congestion (location plan – see Appendix 1).

4.1.2 A site has been identified adjacent to Springwells Hall which would accommodate up to 70 plot holders depending on SEPA restrictions. Initial ground investigations and discussions with planning and roads are positive, however, it has been indicated that we would be required to incorporate a small parking area (location plan – see Appendix 2).

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. The identification, design, development and management of food growing sites is a key task of Amenity Services. The service currently employs 1.4 FTE for the operational management of 6 existing sites with further sites planned to meet our legislative obligations. To date, the increase in demand in this service area has been managed by realigning tasks and activities within the team. However, given the rate of expansion, further resource requirements to deliver this function effectively will be subject to review and a further report to Committee.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. £200,000 has been ringfenced as part of the Food Strategy Fund and it is anticipated that this will be utilised for at least one of the sites identified in the Hamilton area.
- 6.2. It is our intention to submit a formal planning application for each site to establish whether additional conditions are applied that would materially affect the cost of development. The outcome of these initial investigations may determine which site is progressed first and it normally takes around 1 year from planning consent to having an operational site, taking into account the detailed design, tender, contract award and construction process. The development of a 2nd site in the Hamilton area would be dependent on additional funding being identified.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. By promoting food growing which is environmentally friendly and helps tackle climate change, the Food Growing Strategy is aligned with the sustainable development and climate change objectives of the Council. More specifically, it supports the outcomes of the current Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy, in particular Outcome 1.2 stating that the Council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources. It also aims at connecting with the

community, partners and the private sector to reduce the impacts of the food system – from farm to fork - on the environment and its contribution to climate change.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. There are no implications for risk currently identified in terms of the information contained within this report.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. New sites are delivered as part of the overarching Food Growing Strategy 2020-2025 which has been impact assessed albeit the design for each individual site will be considered in relation to Disability Discrimination Acts (DDA) compliance. If approval is given to further investigate the feasibility of one or both sites, consultation will be carried out as part of the planning application process.

David Booth

Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

10 August 2022

Links to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable

Priorities

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places

Outcomes

- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible

Previous References

- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 4 November 2020 - Food Growing Strategy 2020-2025
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 12 December 2019 – Proposals for Food Growing Strategy 2020 to 2025
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 22 January 2019 – Allotments and Management Rules
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 12 December 2017 – Consultation on Part 9, Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

List of Background Papers

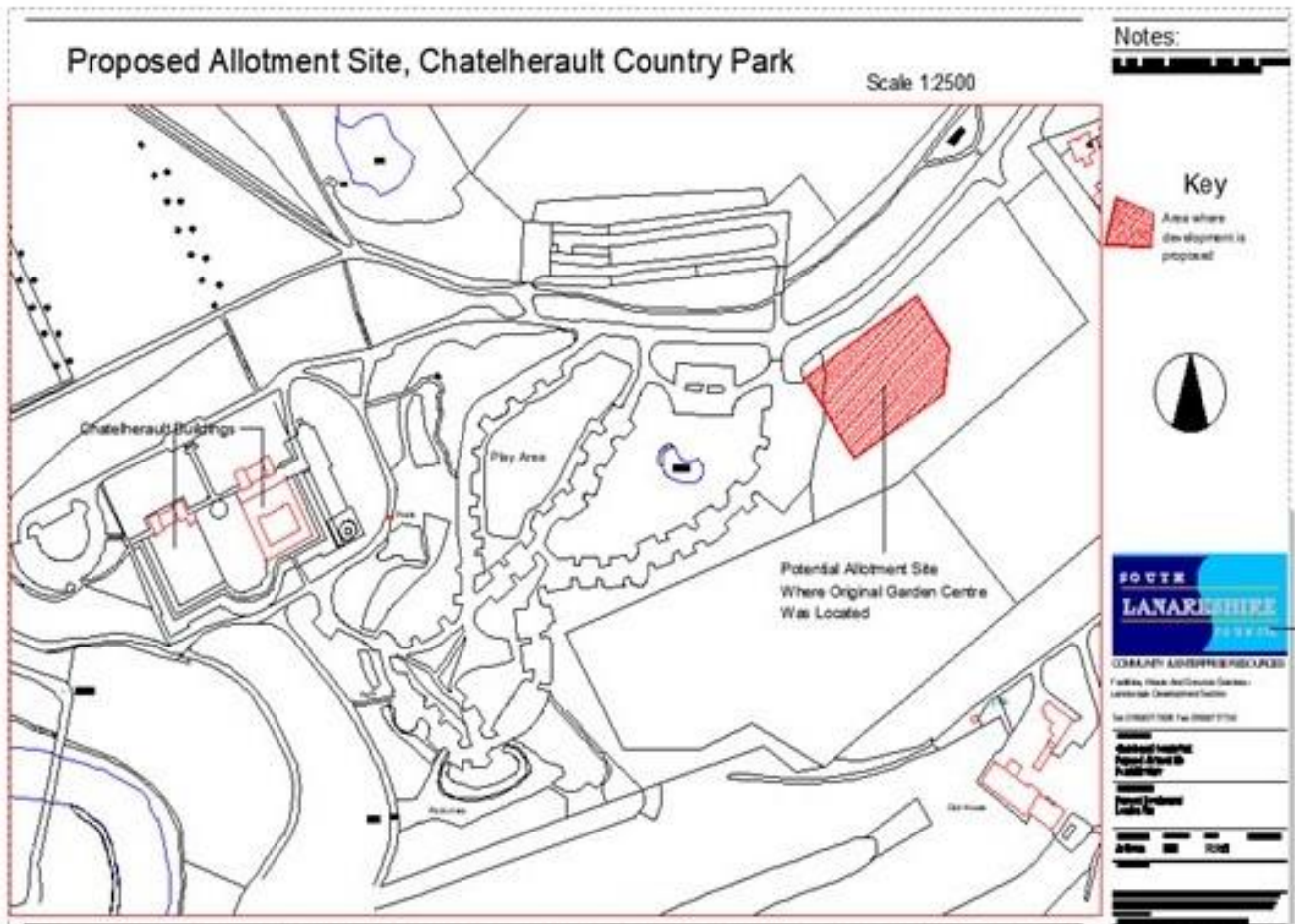
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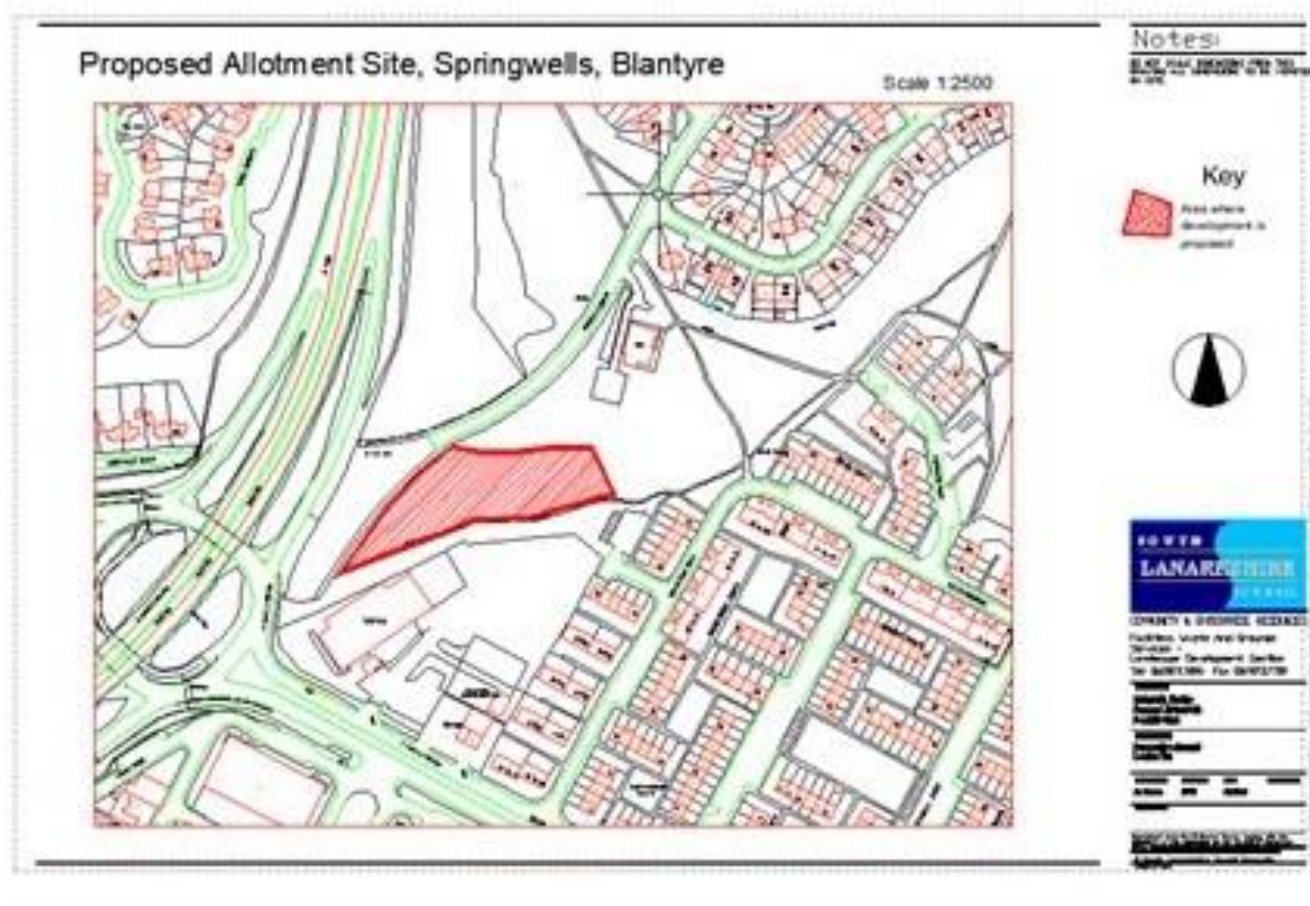
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Appendix 2



Report

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Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	31 August 2022
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Single Use Item Reductions
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update the Committee on how the Council is performing against the target to reduce the amount of single use items procured

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the progress made in the challenge to reduce the procurement of single use items across the Council be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. It was reported to the Council's Executive Committee on 28 February 2018 that the Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2017-2018 highlighted the need to further efforts to end the throw away culture by examining how to reduce the demand for single use items such as disposable cups, plastic cutlery and plastic straws.
- 3.2. It was reported at the same meeting that Council Resources have, on an individual basis, been reviewing the use of single use items and seeking to reduce or design out their use. It was agreed that the Sustainable Development Team would coordinate a Council-wide action plan to reduce the Council's reliance on and unnecessary use of single use items.
- 3.3. A position statement was reported to the Sustainable Development Member Officer Working Group on 22 October 2018 and again on 26 February 2019 which included details of action taken to date, further action being taken in schools and South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture, awareness raising and employee engagement activities.
- 3.4. It was reported to the Council's Executive Committee on 26 February 2020 that several single-use items had been removed from the procurement catalogues. This was done after considerable consultation with Resources and included single-use plastic cutlery, plastic stemmed cotton buds, plastic straws, plastic water cups and plastic stirrers.

- 3.5. In line with the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 which came into effect on 1 June 2022, the Council has been actively replacing any single use plastic products affected by this, such as food takeaway boxes, with products made from more sustainable materials such as EPP (expanded polypropylene).

4. Single Use Position Update

- 4.1. A number of reports from the Council's procurement system, iProc, have been collated in order to accurately establish a baseline of single use item purchases across all Council services. The most appropriate baseline year for most items has been set for 2017/2018 with some items using a 2018/2019 baseline.
- 4.2. The outcome for the targeted items has been positive as demonstrated in the table below. It should be noted, however, that some of the reductions are directly related to the suspension of some related Council services during the Covid lockdowns.

Item	Baseline year	Pattern
Plastic forks and knives	2017-18	Consistent reduction over 4 years with 72% reduction in 2021-22
Wooden forks and knives	2017-18	Slight increase in 2018-19 but then reductions with 44% reduction in 2021-22
Plastic spoons	2018-19	Consistent reduction over 4 years with 93% reduction in 2021-22
Wooden spoons	2018-19	Increase from baseline but only purchasing 19% wooden alternatives compared with plastic
Plastic and wooden stirrers	2018-19	Consistent reduction over 4 years with 85% reduction in 2021-22
Single use cups (hard to recycle)	2017-18	Similar amounts purchased in first 2 years with reductions of 57% in 2021-22
Straws	2017-18	Consistent reduction over 4 years with 97% reduction in 2021-22
Polystyrene containers	2017-18	Consistent reduction over 4 years with 94% reduction in 2021-22

- 4.3. All of the above reductions listed above are in line with the objectives as detailed in section 3 but the purchase of cups which are easily recyclable increased throughout the period. This is also in line with our plans to replace those necessary single use items with alternatives, which in the case of cups is paper or biodegradable cups.
- 4.4. Unfortunately, but in line with national trends, the use of other single use PPE in the fight against Covid has increased. The items of most concern are single use facemasks, gloves and aprons and the absence of suitable reusable alternatives. Over 86,000 masks have been purchased in 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, 10 times more single use gloves and aprons were purchased in 2020/2021 compared with 2017/2018 although numbers for 2021/2022 have greatly reduced.
- 4.5. All of the items listed above will continue to be monitored, to ensure that numbers purchased do not increase as the Council recovers from Covid disruptions and resumes normal service delivery.

- 4.6. Work will continue in raising awareness of not only the need to reduce our reliance on single use items but that when using them to dispose of them properly. The intranet, social media and global staff emails will be used for this and the Committee members are being asked to help reinforce this message.
- 5. Employee Implications**
- 5.1. All Resources are required to contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Climate Change Strategy and the associated actions and targets. Whilst the sustainable development officer and carbon management officer monitor and report the Council's progress many more staff are required to have a knowledge of the issues and understand the actions each individual, service and Resource has to take in order to meet targets.
- 5.2. The target to reduce the Council's reliance on single use items requires an effort from all budget holders and front-line staff of those services using such items.
- 6. Financial Implications**
- 6.1. A reduction in the purchase of single use items should have positive financial implications although in some instances, if replacing with a recyclable or biodegradable alternative, could have a negative per item purchase price implication
- 7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**
- 7.1. Reducing single use items within Council services and encouraging employees to keep items in use for as long as possible would contribute to the Council's duties to support a circular economy and the global sustainable development goals.
- 8. Other Implications**
- 8.1. Failure to build resilience and act to the impacts of a changing climate is included in the Council's top risks. The reduction of the procurement of unnecessary single use items is included in the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy action plan.
- 9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**
- 9.1. Consultation has taken place with Resources to ensure no service or service user is adversely affected by the reduction in these single use items. Plastic straws will still be available for those service users who require them for drinking.

David Booth
Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

22 August 2022

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Priorities

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Outcomes

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- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities

Previous References

- ◆ Report to Executive Committee - 28 February 2018
- ◆ Report to Council's Executive Committee 26 February 2020

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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