



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

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

Performance Report

Quarter 2 : 2020/21 - April to September

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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.



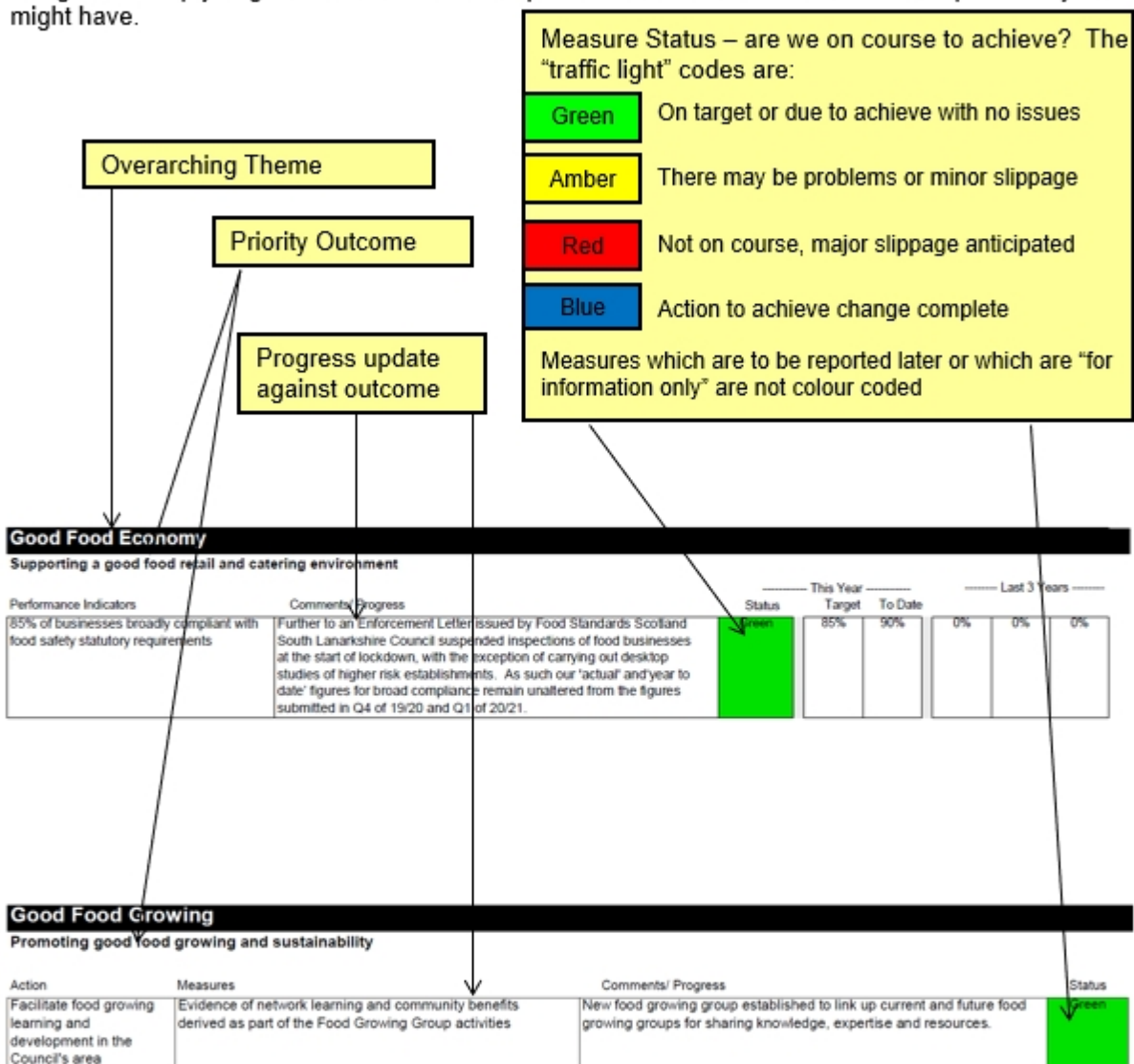
Good Food Governance

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	6	3	16	28
Good Food Economy	1	6		1	8
Good Food for the Environment	5		1	4	10
Good Food Governance	1	1			2
<i>Good Food Growing</i>					
Good Food in the Public Sector		2		1	3
Total	10	15	4	22	51

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	4		1	6
Good Food in the Public Sector		2	5		3	10
Good Food Economy	1		6			7
Good Food Growing		5	1		1	7
Good Food for the Environment			1		2	3
Good Food Governance		3			6	9
Total	1	11	17	0	13	42

Good Food Strategy

Section 1: Quantitative measures

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food at Home and in the Community

Supporting good food education and culture

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of children and schools involved	No activity were delivered as school were closed due to Covid-19 pandemic. All activities around visiting schools/nurseries involving pupils are still restricted due to Covid-19, however, promotion of healthy school meals is done through social media and Council website. This will be reviewed if restrictions are lifted.	Red	-----	0	0	0	0
Number of schools, children, parents, catering staff, teachers involved	The deadline for the implementation of the new regulation was postponed by the Scot Gov due to Covid-19 pandemic and was reschedule to April 2021. Nonetheless, a Learn on line course on the new Food and Drink regulations was developed and is planned to be roll out to Education and Catering employees from November 2020.	Amber	-----	0	0	0	0
Number of certificates from REHIS for courses when successfully completed and number of REHIS certificates increasing employability opportunities for Service Users	REHIS courses were not delivered due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.	Red	-----	-----	0	0	0
Time allocated by Placement Supervisors to overview Service Users involved in Auchentibber allotment	Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the Unpaid Work Service was suspended and resumed on 13th of July 2020. At present, limited type of Unpaid Work can be delivered due to government restrictions and public safety issues. Subsequently, there has been limited progress with regards to involvement with community growers which had previously been an important area of intervention. Raised beds within Auchentibber have been prepared and are ready for planting come the new year.	Amber	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	0.00
Number of referrals to the Unpaid Work service from Community Growers	Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the Unpaid Work Service was suspended and resumed on 13th of July 2020. At present, limited type of Unpaid Work can be delivered due to government restrictions and public safety issues. Subsequently, there has been limited progress with regards to involvement with community growers which had previously been an important area of intervention.	Amber	-----	-----	0	0	0

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Good Food at Home and in the Community

Supporting good food education and culture

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of training sessions delivered and number of participants	Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the Unpaid Work Service was suspended and resumed on 13th of July 2020. At present, limited type of Unpaid Work can be delivered due to government restrictions and public safety issues. Subsequently, there has been limited progress with regards to involvement with community growers which had previously been an important area of intervention.	Amber	-----	-----	0	0	0
Number of learners who have improved confidence and self-esteem through food related learning programmes	843 learners have participated in food related learning programmes such as use of cooking activity packs and online food related interactive sessions, through engagement with YFCL Service. Participation in these programmes support learners to recognise their abilities and plan their healthy eating activity which has resulted in reported improved confidence and self-esteem in their achievements.	Contextual	-----	843	0	0	0
Number of learners who have improved mental health and wellbeing through food related learning programmes	843 learners have participated in food related learning programmes such as use of cooking activity packs and online food related interactive sessions, through engagement with YFCL Service. Participation in these programmes support learners to recognise their abilities and plan their healthy eating activity which has resulted in reported improved mental health and wellbeing.	Contextual	-----	843	0	0	0
Number of learners who have improved their physical health and wellbeing through food related learning programmes	843 learners have participated in food related learning programmes such as use of cooking activity packs and online food related interactive sessions, through engagement with YFCL Service. Participation in these programmes support learners to recognise their abilities and plan their healthy eating activity which has resulted in reported improved physical health and wellbeing.	Contextual	-----	843	0	0	0

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of learners who are better able to support their child/family members health and wellbeing through food related learning programmes	<p>843 learners have participated in food related learning programmes such as use of cooking activity packs and online food related interactive sessions, through engagement with YFCL Service.</p> <p>Participation in these programmes support learners to recognise their abilities and report that they are better able to support their child/family members health and wellbeing.</p>	Contextual	-----	843	0	0	0
Number of learners who have achieved a nationally recognised award or qualification through food related learning programmes	<p>21 learners gained nationally recognised awards through food related learning programmes. These include Elementary Food Hygiene (level 2) and Duke of Edinburgh skills section awards.</p> <p>Participation in nationally recognised awards support learners by working towards their aspirations, recognising their abilities and planning towards future outcomes and education.</p>	Contextual	-----	21	0	0	0
Number of learners who have improved confidence and self-esteem through food growing related learning programmes	<p>492 learners across South Lanarkshire have reported improved confidence and self-esteem through participation in food growing programmes with YFCL Service.</p> <p>Of these, 224 learners in the Clydesdale area used Planting activity packs with pots, compost seeds and instructions that were delivered directly to their homes. In partnership with "Lanark Helps" Growing Hope Project, the learning of a further 30 families was extended through YFCL in terms of food planting activity.</p> <p>100 learners (28 families) completed the Pathfinders summer holiday grow your own learning programme in the Cambuslang/ Rutherglen area.</p> <p>138 learners from the East Kilbride area took part in the Weekly, online Weed'em & Reap programme that encouraged participation from learners on what to plant, how to care for and how to harvest.</p>	Contextual	-----	492	0	0	0
Number of learners who have improved mental health and wellbeing through food growing learning programmes	492 learners across South Lanarkshire have reported improved mental health and wellbeing through participation in food growing programmes with YFCL Service.	Contextual	-----	492	0	0	0

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of learners who have improved their physical health and wellbeing through food growing learning programmes	492 learners across South Lanarkshire have reported improved physical health and wellbeing through participation in food growing programmes with YFCL Service.	Contextual	-----	492	0	0	0
Number of people participating to the Foraging Fortnight and having a better understanding of the use of local resources	Foraging Fortnight is a LEADER Co-operation project which was scheduled as a participatory event at various venues across Scotland and in Lanarkshire over a fortnight in Spring and Autumn. Due Covid-19 pandemic, the event went online focused around Carmichael estate and Clyde Orchards. The reach of the Lanarkshire events was an impressive total of 24,000 with over 1,000 following from Social Media information to the detailed FF web site for more information.	Green	-----	24,000	0	0	0

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Good Food at Home and in the Community

Reducing food poverty and insecurity

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of food parcels delivered by food banks to understand trends of food insecurity and poverty and inform Council actions and local initiatives	<p>Information from the foodbanks for the first 6 months of the financial year (1st April to 30th September) is still in the process of being collated and should be made available to report for the plan/ strategy within the next few weeks. The latest data currently available is 12 month data for financial year, 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020, which suggests that for the 6 food banks operating in South Lanarkshire (Hamilton district; Cambuslang and Rutherglen; Clyde, Avon and Nethan Valley; East Kilbride district; Clydesdale; Loaves & Fishes) there were 26,211 food parcels distributed during year 2019/20.</p> <p>On the 30th March 2020, a Community Wellbeing Line was established by the Council, in conjunction with the Scottish Government's Shielding Scheme (which SLC is acting as an intermediary) to provide an infrastructure to connect households in need of food aid due to health or financial problems, with regular free food deliveries. From the launch of these initiatives in late March 2020 to 30th September 2020, it is estimated that around 4,865 free food parcels have been distributed to households in need. These figures are in addition to food parcels distributed by the South Lanarkshire food banks over the last 6 months.</p> <p>During the Covid-19 pandemic, the Community Engagement Team also supported existing food banks by directly supplementing them with food when needed.</p> <p>Moreover, as part of the wider SLC COVID relief work, Youth, Family and Community Learning Service staff have worked in partnership with agencies to deliver food parcels to vulnerable members of the community. These partnerships included Douglas Community Council, Douglas Fire Station, local food stores, Hamilton District foodbank, Salvation Army, Local Schools, Eddlewood Covid Group and Fairhill Covid Group.</p> <p>1,898 food and frozen food packs were delivered to vulnerable families by YFCL Service staff across the authority.</p>	Contextual	-----	26,211	0	0	0

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Good Food at Home and in the Community

Reducing food poverty and insecurity

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Uptake of breakfast served (4 weeks basis)	No breakfast was served as schools were closed due to Covid-19 pandemic.	Red	-----	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Number of vulnerable children benefiting from free and healthy breakfast and lunch per day during the summer holiday period	Summer Holiday Hubs took a different form from what was envisaged due to Covid 19. As part of the Emergency Childcare, breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack were served during summer sessions (from 27 June to 3 August). 6,229 free meals were provided across the duration of the programme.	Contextual	-----	0	0	0	0
670 children participating and % of increase compared to participation during the previous year	Due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions and targeted work, the Summer Holiday Hubs took a different form from what was envisaged. As part of the Emergency Childcare, YFCL Service ran Summer Sessions within 10 locations. Each day young people had access to free nutritious meals – breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. 450 young people accessed the Summer Sessions from 27 June 2020 – 3 August 2020. A total of 6,229 free meals were provided across the duration of the programme.	Contextual	-----	450.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Number of participants who have improved their social skills	Due to Covid 19 restrictions and targeted work, the Summer Holiday Hubs took a different form from what was envisaged. As part of the Emergency Childcare, YFCL Service ran Summer Sessions within 10 locations. Each day young people had access to free nutritious meals – breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. 450 young people accessed the Summer Sessions from 27 June 2020 – 3 August 2020. A total of 6,229 free meals were provided across the duration of the programme.	Contextual	-----	-----	0	0	0

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of participants who have improved their physical health and wellbeing	Due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions and targeted work, the Summer Holiday Hubs took a different from what was envisaged. As part of the Emergency Childcare, YFCL Service ran Summer Sessions within 10 locations. Each day young people had access to free nutritious meals – breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. 450 young people accessed the Summer Sessions from 27 June 2020 – 3 August 2020. A total of 6,229 free meals were provided across the duration of the programme.	Contextual	-----	-----	0	0	0
Number of participants who have improved their mental health and wellbeing	Due to Covid 19 restrictions and targeted work, the Summer Holiday Hubs took a different from what was envisaged. As part of the Emergency Childcare, Youth, Family and Community Learning Service ran Summer Sessions within 10 locations. Each day young people had access to free nutritious meals – breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. 450 young people accessed the Summer Sessions from 27 June 2020 – 3 August 2020. A total of 6,229 free meals were provided across the duration of the programme.	Contextual	-----	-----	0	0	0
% of free school meals uptake in secondary schools	Schools closed and cash payment (£15 per week) was made fortnightly to entitled families covering 5 days/week including school holidays. Approximately 8,800 pupils received the payment.	Green	-----	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Number of affordable and nutritious lunch served per day and in total	Payment made due to Covid-19 pandemic. Lunch clubs did not take place but alternative options were developed to support vulnerable groups.	Amber	-----	0	0	0	0
Number of lunch clubs/3rd sector organisations involved	Payment made due to Covid-19 pandemic. Lunch clubs did not take place but alternative options were developed to support vulnerable groups.	Amber	-----	3	0	0	0
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)	This figure is for information to monitor referrals made by Money Matters and understand trends, this is not a target. Referrals are on demand.	Green	-----	796	0	0	0
% of application assessed in 2 working days		Report Later	-----	-----	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Annual volume of application		Report Later	-----	-----	0	0	0

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food in the Public Sector

Improving food in schools and in council properties

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of nutritious meals served per day	As schools were closed due to Covid-19 pandemic, this figure refers to meals served within hubs. A total of 67,085 were served. Meals (breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack) were served to children of key workers and vulnerable pupils 5 day per week.	Amber	-----	374	0	0	0
% of school meal uptake	School meal uptake is not applicable for the period April to August 2020 (as schools were closed). Full update to be provided in quarter three. This is a contextual measure. The notional target set is the 2019/20 actual figure.	Contextual	47%	-----	-----	-----	47%
% spent in Fairtrade products	Action to be reviewed. Initially agreed but no room for expanding.	Amber	-----	0%	0%	0%	0%

Good Food Economy

Supporting a good food retail and catering environment

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
85% of businesses broadly compliant with food safety statutory requirements	Further to an Enforcement Letter issued by Food Standards Scotland, South Lanarkshire Council suspended inspections of food businesses at the start of lockdown, with the exception of carrying out desktop studies of higher risk establishments. As such our 'actual' and 'year to date' figures for broad compliance remain unaltered from the figures submitted in Q4 of 19/20 and Q1 of 20/21.	Green	85%	90%	0%	0%	0%
% of business involved in product reformulation	Progress with this project has been delayed due to Covid-19 pandemic. A small number of businesses were approached prior to lockdown, some of whom indicated a willingness to take part in the project, however unfortunately no further progress has been made to date.	Report Later	-----	-----	0%	0%	0%

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Economy

Supporting a good food retail and catering environment

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
15 businesses interested in exploring alternative food retail and distribution options	<p>The annual event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the SLC Good Food Strategy. Funding has been secured from Connect Local to support this.</p> <p>The event had to be cancelled in the form it was intended to take place but Connect Local have agreed to an extension into next year</p> <p>Alternatives are considered to engage with local producers including ongoing discussions with national agency Scotland and Food and Drink.</p>	Amber	-----	0	0	0	0

Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
15 businesses interested in accessing public food procurement	This will be delivered via the Meet the Real Buyer event which SLC is delivering in conjunction with NLC and the Supplier Development Programme. The event is in the development phase and is expected to take place (virtually) in March 2021.	Amber	-----	0	0	0	0
8 local food businesses involved and 10 food stakeholders	<p>This event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the SLC Good Food Strategy (funding has been secured from Connect Local to support this). As a public event, it had to be cancelled in the form it was intended to take place, Connect Local have agreed to an extension into next year</p> <p>Considering an alternative way to increase connections between local businesses and engage with local producers. Discussions are on-going with Scotland Food and Drink.</p>	Amber	-----	0	0	0	0

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Economy

Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
10 stakeholders involved in the Food Week	This event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the SLC Good Food Strategy. Funding has been secured from Connect Local to support this. As a public event, it had to be cancelled in the form it was intended to take place, Connect Local have agreed to an extension into next year Considering an alternative way to promote local food to South Lanarkshire residents and visitors.	Amber	-----	0	0	0	0
15 businesses attending the workshop and interested in changing their practices	This event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the SLC Good Food Strategy. Funding has been secured from Connect Local to support this. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, it had to be cancelled in the form it was intended to take place, Connect Local have agreed to an extension into next year Considering an alternative way to promote good food practices in private sector.	Amber	-----	0	0	0	0
2 events organised to promote food careers in school	Approaches have been made to DYW (Developing the Young Workforce) to facilitate this. We have been previously been involved in delivering such events.	Amber	-----	0	0	0	0

Good Food for the Environment

Reducing food waste and packaging

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Quantity of food waste from school kitchen below 1%		Green	-----	1%	0%	0%	0%
Quantity of food waste from dining room below 15%		Green	-----	12%	0%	0%	0%
% of food waste from school kitchen recycled	No separate uplift of food waste	Red	-----	0%	0%	0%	0%

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food for the Environment

Reducing food waste and packaging

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Share of household 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	Participation studies and potential extension to food waste collection services (rural areas) were suspended as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. All available resources were redeployed to front line collection services to enable them to continue as scheduled. This was also the case for the Scottish Government's project in this regard.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Quantity of food surplus redistributed to vulnerable people (food bank) or sold at affordable prices (food coop)	No data yet were gathered from FareShare (national organisation supporting local organisations with food surplus distribution). It is expected that the Covid-19 pandemic had a positive impact on the redistribution of food surplus as additional contacts was made with FareShare in the effort of supplementing food banks.	Report Later	-----	-----	0	0	0

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	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
At least one campaign promoting sustainable food	Council communication and campaign were focused on other priorities during the first 6 months of the implementation of the strategy due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Options to organise a campaign before March 2021 are considered.	Report Later	-----	-----	0	0	0
Number of people reached	Council communication and campaign were focused on other priorities during the first 6 months of the implementation of the strategy due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Options to organise a campaign before March 2021 are considered.	Report Later	-----	-----	0	0	0
100% fish respecting MSC standards	Target continues to be met	Green	-----	100%	0%	0%	0%
100% chicken respecting red tractor standards	Target continues to be met.	Green	-----	100%	0%	0%	0%
100% red butcher meat respecting QMS standard	Target continues to be met.	Green	-----	100%	0%	0%	0%

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Governance

Developing and strengthening food partnerships

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number and value of funding applications made	Two third sector organisations have secured REF funding to provide emergency food relief in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.	Green	-----	10,000	0	0	0

Making good food a priority in the council's area

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Funding and number of food related programmes secured	No new specifically or with a food priority have secured funding as yet this year. Work is on going with partners and funders.	Amber	-----	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Good Food Strategy

Section 2: Project measures

Good Food at Home and in the Community

Supporting good food education and culture

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Deliver one pilot cooking courses in schools with parents promoting healthy, eating and cooking on a budget	Impacts of cooking courses on food knowledge and skills (number of parents impacted and type of impacts)	Postponed due to Covid-19 pandemic.	Amber
Organise educational activities promoting healthy eating in nurseries, primary and secondary schools (e.g. Go fresh clubs; breakfast classroom activities; Better eating-better learning)	Type of activities delivered	None so far due to Covid-19 pandemic.	Amber

Good Food at Home and in the Community

Supporting good food education and culture

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Provide 4 cookery food and hygiene sessions per week, deliver Kitchen Learning Hub and 6/8 REHIS courses to Service Users of the Unpaid Work Service in collaboration with Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership (LCFHP)	Feedback from participating Service Users on cookery food and hygiene sessions (satisfaction and impact including numbers of Service Users and hours completed)	<p>Due to Covid 19, Kitchen Learning Hub was suspended in March 2020 and resumed on 3rd of August. Due to public safety restrictions the Kitchen Learning Hub sessions are being delivered remotely. Service Users receive a food parcel, on the morning of their session, which includes all ingredients, recipe and cooking instructions as well as a Nutrition Session. The Kitchen Learning Hub takes place on Tuesday and Thursdays and is delivered via Microsoft Teams by a nutritionist from Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership.</p> <p>Feedback from Service Users has been very positive given this is a new way for us to deliver this Service.</p> <p>Approximately 3 Service Users participate in each session. Each session lasts 2 hours.</p> <p>REHIS Courses are not being delivered currently due to Covid 19 restrictions.</p>	Amber

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Good Food at Home and in the Community

Supporting good food education and culture

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Offer opportunity for Service Users of Unpaid Work Service to grow food, develop knowledge and skills associated with growing vegetables within the Auchentibber Allotment and undertake food growing work in respond to referrals from Community growers/gardens	Evidence of the work undertaken in relation to such referrals	Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the Unpaid Work Service was suspended and resumed on 13th of July 2020. At present, limited type of Unpaid Work can be delivered due to government restrictions and public safety issues. Subsequently, there has been limited progress with regards to involvement with community growers which had previously been an important area of intervention.	Amber

Reducing food poverty and insecurity

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Increase the uptake of free school meals in secondary schools	Activities/initiatives to increase the uptake of free schools meals	Disrupted due to Covid-19 pandemic but cash payment (£15 per week) was made fortnightly to entitled families covering 5 days a week including school holidays. Approximately 8,800 pupils received the payment.	Green
Continue to assess applications made to the Scottish Welfare Fund in two working days	Annual award granted		Report Later

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food in the Public Sector

Improving food in schools and in council properties

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Meet the new regulation for Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in schools	New regulation met by 26th October 2020	The deadline for the implementation of the new regulation was postponed by Scot. Gov. and rescheduled to April 2021.	Amber
Work towards the Food for Life bronze standards in primary schools through an initial assessment and design of an implementation plan to achieve the aware in year 2	Assessment undertaken by 31 March 2022	No progress was made due to Covid-19 pandemic.	Amber
	Action plan to achieve bronze in year 2 developed by 31 March 2022	No progress was made due to Covid-19 pandemic.	Amber
Meet the Healthy Living Award in Council properties	Award achieved by December 2020	Delayed due to Covid-19 pandemic.	Amber
Promote a food pledge aligned with the SL Good Food definition for food served in Council properties	Food pledge promoted by March 2021	Food pledge promoted in schools and current review of coffee shops in Council offices.	Green
Evaluate and increase the procurement of local food and sustainable food to be served in Council properties	Baseline developed to assess food serviced in Council properties	Review started but was stalled due to Covid-19 pandemic.	Amber
	Actions to improve food in Council properties	Review started but was stalled due to Covid-19 pandemic.	Report Later

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food in the Public Sector

Improving food in public places

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Work with specific partners to explore opportunities to improve the food they serve so that it is aligned with SL Good Food definition	Demonstrated initiatives developed by partners showing attempt to move towards good food and development of criteria to assess them	New initiative that will be reconsidered as Covid-19 pandemic impacted public places serving food (e.g. places closed, new priorities, change of services).	Report Later
Work with specific Council services and partners to explore opportunities to support the development of a breastfeeding-friendly environment in public places	Demonstrated activities showing attempt to improve breastfeeding environment and development criteria to assess them	New initiative that will be reconsidered as the Covid-19 pandemic impacted public places serving food (e.g. places closed, new priorities, change of services).	Report Later
Seek to establish a baseline to monitor public procurement spending in local food (i.e. food produced or manufactured in Scotland and in Lanarkshire)	Demonstrated activities showing attempt to establish a baseline to monitor spending in food produced or manufactured in Lanarkshire and in Scotland	It is anticipated that activities will be demonstrated by year end.	Green

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Economy

Supporting a good food retail and catering environment

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Engage with the Scottish Government during consultation on National Planning Framework 4 to understand opportunities to consider health criteria in determining planning applications. In particular explore the role of the planning system to restrict the location of hot food outlets near schools and their proliferation in town and neighbourhood centres	Representations to the Scottish Government on proposed NPF4 by Spring 2021	The Scottish Government carried out extensive consultation on the proposed NPF4 in early 2020 which will form its national planning policy when it is approved. The Council made representations on the control of hot food outlets, town centre policy, the embedding of health issues in the planning system and preserving/developing public or community places and infrastructures for food growing, socializing around food, temporary good food outlets (e.g. farmer markets). Work on the draft NPF4 has been delayed for a year due to Covid-19 however there will be opportunities to comment further on the draft document (likely timescale late 2021).	Complete
Organisation of an annual event for local food and drink producers including a workshop focusing on exploring opportunities to develop short, fair and sustainable value chains	Demonstrated activities showing attempt to support the development of alternative food retail and distribution options	<p>The annual event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the SLC Good Food Strategy. Funding has been secured from Connect Local to support this.</p> <p>The event had to be cancelled in the form it was intended to take place but Connect Local have agreed to an extension into next year</p> <p>Alternatives are considered to engage with local producers including ongoing discussions with national agency Scotland and Food and Drink.</p>	Amber

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Economy

Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Organisation of an annual event for local food and drink producers including a workshop focusing on public procurement of local food	Demonstrated activities showing attempt to increase public procurement of local food	This will be delivered via the Meet the Real Buyer event which SLC is delivering in conjunction with NLC and the Supplier Development Programme. The event is in the development phase and is expected to take place (virtually) in March 2021.	Amber
Facilitate (logistics and communications) the organisation of a South Lanarkshire Food Week in collaboration with businesses and other stakeholders	Evidence of increased connections among businesses	<p>This event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the SLC Good Food Strategy (funding has been secured from Connect Local to support this). As a public event, it had to be cancelled in the form it was intended to take place, Connect Local have agreed to an extension into next year</p> <p>Considering an alternative way to increase connections between local businesses and engage with local producers. Discussions are on-going with Scotland Food and Drink.</p>	Amber
Facilitate (logistics and communication) the organisation of a South Lanarkshire Food Week in collaboration with businesses and other stakeholders	Sales/turnover of participating food and drink producers	<p>This event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the SLC Good Food Strategy. Funding has been secured from Connect Local to support this. As a public event, it had to be cancelled in the form it was intended to take place, Connect Local have agreed to an extension into next year.</p> <p>Considering an alternative way to promote local food to South Lanarkshire residents and visitors.</p>	Amber

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Economy

Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Impact of the Food Week on people participating regarding their awareness of local production/producers	<p>This event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the SLC Good Food Strategy. Funding has been secured from Connect Local to support this. As a public event, it had to be cancelled in the form it was intended to take place, Connect Local have agreed to an extension into next year</p> <p>Considering an alternative way to promote local food to South Lanarkshire residents and visitors.</p>	Amber
Organisation of an annual event for local food and drink producers including workshops focusing on good food practices	Demonstrated activities showing attempt to support the development of good food practices in the private sector	<p>This event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the SLC Good Food Strategy. Funding has been secured from Connect Local to support this. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, it had to be cancelled in the form it was intended to take place, Connect Local have agreed to an extension into next year</p> <p>Considering an alternative way to promote good food practices in the private sector.</p>	Amber

Good Food Growing

Providing food growing opportunities

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Identify and develop new sites in the Council's areas to meet demand for food growing	Increased number of people participating in food growing on Council land in order to progress towards compliance with legislative targets	<p>Following the introduction of new legislation, a new allotment site was created at Fernbrae Meadows, Cathkin in 2019 with 63 users and a community plot.</p> <p>A new 70 x 5m2 raised bed site was created at Murray Recreation in East Kilbride in 2019.</p> <p>Following planning permission being granted, a further allotment site will be constructed at Lammermoor in East Kilbride and will commence in October 2020. The site will include 62 x 100m2 plots some of which may be sub divided depending on requests, 8 x 50m2 plots plus 12 raised beds.</p> <p>Outline design and costings are being prepared for a proposed raised bed site in Burnhill, Rutherglen and also for a small allotment / raised bed site in Strathaven however both will be subject to planning permission.</p> <p>Additionally, alternative food growing opportunities have been developed in partnership with community organisations including for example, small raised bed projects in Strathaven Park and in Millheugh Brae Park, a leased community growing site in Overtoun Park, Springhall Cage refurbished to incorporate food growing. Support to nurseries and schools has been also provided including working in partnership with a local nursery school to develop a small food growing area in Crofthead Park, Uddingston.</p>	Green

Good Food Growing

Providing food growing opportunities

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Develop a Council wide Open Space Strategy which will include assessment of the current quality and location of food growing opportunities and identify potential suitable areas where new or improved provision could be appropriate	Open Space Strategy approved by Spring 2021	Work has started on the preparation of an Open Space Strategy including the carrying out of a Council-wide audit of the quality and quantity of open space. Government guidance on the preparation of OSS is due to be published in Q3 which will inform the timing and content of the document.	Amber
Protect Prime Agriculture Land from development as required by Scottish Planning Policy and Local Development Plan policy	Protection of existing 89 ha of prime agricultural land within South Lanarkshire and annual monitoring of any loss of prime land to development	The protection of prime agricultural land is incorporated in the proposed Local Development Plan 2 which is due to be adopted in early 2021. Monitoring will be carried out for 20/21 in early Spring.	Green

Good Food Growing

Providing food growing opportunities

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
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	Consideration and where appropriate incorporation of community aspirations for the provision of food growing areas within Local Place Plans to increase provision of food growing opportunities	The publication of government guidance on the preparation of Local Place Plans has been delayed due to Covid-19. Nevertheless the Planning Service is working with the Community Participation team and benchmarking with other authorities to seek to develop an approach to working closely with local communities and ensure placemaking principles are embedded in future work.	Report Later

Good Food Growing

Providing food growing opportunities

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Work in partnership with Council services and community groups to identify and develop alternative food growing opportunities	Number of alternative food growing initiatives delivered by or in partnership with the Council	<p>A food growing pilot incorporating 6 raised beds has been established in Strathaven Park and is managed by the Friends of Strathaven Park group, who are educating and involving approximately 18 members of the community. A recent enquiry was received from a local nursery who would also like to get involved when lockdown restrictions allow.</p> <p>As part of the food growing group network, 11 referrals were made to allow people waiting on a plot to get involved in a food growing project in Calderglen Country Park. Additionally, members of the food growing group have been able to benefit from the seed exchange programme run from this site.</p> <p>A community group has taken over the management of two large raised beds in Millheugh Brae Park.</p> <p>Work is ongoing with a community growing group in Overtoun Park to establish a leased community growing site on former bowling greens.</p> <p>Planters and fruit trees have been purchased for a nursery school to use in Crofthead Park, although install has been delayed due to Covid 19.</p> <p>Herbs provided to the local group for inclusion in public areas in Castlebank park.</p> <p>Raised bed growing area and fruit trees incorporated into a larger play project in Springhall Cage, Rutherglen.</p>	Green

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Growing

Promoting good food growing and sustainability

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Facilitate food growing learning and development in the Council's area	Evidence of network learning and community benefits derived as part of the Food Growing Group activities	<p>New food growing group established to link up current and future food growing groups for sharing knowledge, expertise and resources. Also giving access to a seed exchange.</p> <p>Allotments are now in contact regularly to share information and ideas. There will be an online forum for this, but this has been delayed because of Covid-19.</p> <p>Referred school and community growing groups to the RHS campaign for School gardening, which provides information, teaching materials, free seeds, and also mentoring from a tutor.</p>	Green
Consider opportunities to increase biodiversity and reduce climate change impact at new and existing sites	Impact of these initiatives on biodiversity and climate change (number of initiatives and type and scale of impacts)	<p>All new sites are now considering water harvesting elements being included, Sustainable Urban Development (SuDs) ponds, composting areas and composting toilets if appropriate at design stage.</p> <p>Plotolders are encouraged to water harvest and make their own compost.</p> <p>At Fernbrae Meadows, plotolders have linked up with Friends of Fernbrae Meadows community group to participate in some nature activities in the park.</p> <p>Discussions to take place on how to best measure the impact of these initiatives.</p>	Green

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food for the Environment

Reducing food waste and packaging

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 to inform Council actions in relation to food waste collection in the following years of implementation of the strategy	Participation studies and potential extension to food waste collection services (rural areas) were suspended as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. All available resources were redeployed to front line collection services to enable them to continue as scheduled. This was also the case for the Scottish Government's project in this regard.	Report Later
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 2021 including criteria to assess the impact of the education programme	Educational material which was being produced in conjunction with Viridor was also postponed due to Viridor suspending all 'non-essential' work as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. It should also be noted that school closures impacted on this work stream since input from teaching staff is required.	Report Later
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	Due to Covid-19 pandemic, this action has been put on hold.	Amber

Good Food Governance

Developing and strengthening food partnerships

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Facilitate information sharing around Good Food practices in South Lanarkshire	Establish an appropriate communication forum/channel to facilitate info sharing and peer learning	Options have been initially considered but due to Covid-19 pandemic new forms of communications and relationships have been developed with 3rd sector organisations and community. There is a need to take stock of new practices and build on this experience.	Report Later

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Governance

Developing and strengthening food partnerships

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Impact of the new communication channel (traffic and relevance)	Options have been initially considered but with the Covid-19 pandemic new forms of communications and relationships have been developed with 3rd sector organisations and community. There is a need to take stock of new practices and build on this experience.	Report Later
Facilitate partnership working with food stakeholders	Presence of an active multi-stakeholder food partnership	No official food partnership was established due to competing priorities associated with Covid-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, the Council has been leading concrete actions together with 3rd sector and community organisations with the objective of providing food for vulnerable members of the community.	Green
	Development of Terms of Reference for the food partnership	Terms of reference will be developed once the new partnership is in place.	Report Later
Continue to liaise with national and international food organisations, network and initiatives	Actions derived from theses connections that support the objectives of the food strategy and assessment of their impacts	The council has continued to liaise with other organisations, networks to understand good practices in response to the Covid-19 pandemic (e.g. Food Foundation, Sustainable Food Places, other local authorities). These connections have informed actions in response to food poverty during the Covid-19 pandemic.	Green

Making good food a priority in the council's area

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Establish a Food Steering Group for monitoring, advisory and decision making	Presence of an active steering group	The food steering group has not been established due to conflicting priorities related to the Covid-19 pandemic.	Report Later
	Development of Terms of Reference for the steering group	The food steering group has not been established due to conflicting priorities related to the Covid-19 pandemic.	Report Later
Develop action plan for the Community Planning Partnership	Action plan validated by partners and implemented by March 2021	No action plan was developed due to conflicting priorities related to the Covid-19 pandemic.	Report Later
Join the UK network Sustainable Food Places	Membership achieved by March 2021 to guarantee a high profile of food initiatives	Membership could still be achieved by March 2021 and contacts with Sustainable Food Places are on-going. Nonetheless, one of the conditions is the presence of a multi-stakeholder partnership.	Green