

South Lanarkshire Council

Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy

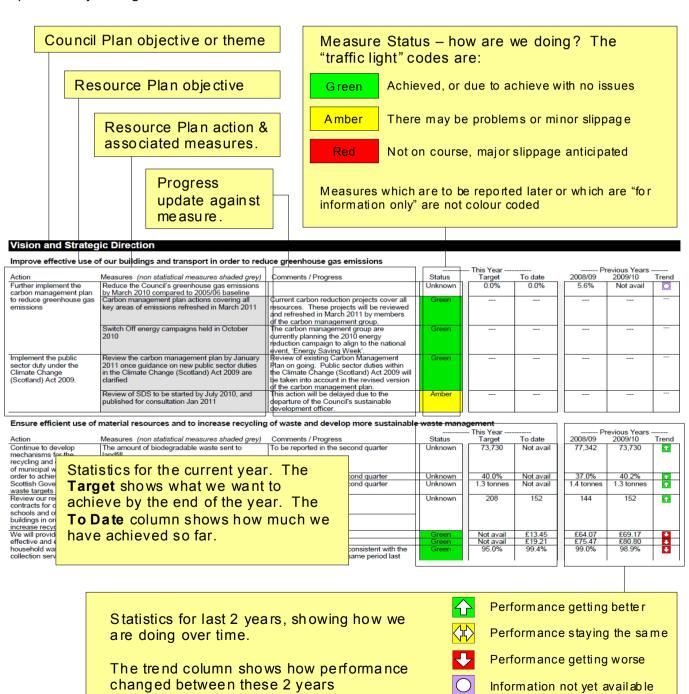


Performance Report Quarter 4: 2019/20 - April to March



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 (level 1) - number of measures green, amber and red under each Sustainable Development objective

Sustainable Development Theme	Green	Amber	Red	To be reported later / Contextual	Total
Sustainable Council	16	2		2	20
Sustainable Environment	20		1		21
Sustainable Communities	20	5		2	27
Total	56	7	1	4	68

The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Further implement the Carbon Management Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from council services (buildings, waste, transport etc)	10% reduction in the Council's greenhouse gas emissions achieved by March 2021, compared to 2015-16 (equivalent to 2% each year)	Carbon emissions for 2019-20 reduced by a further 32% from the previous year, which from the baseline year of 2015-16 amounts to a 44% reduction. There are many reasons for this. Significant savings have been achieved following the LED Street Lighting replacement programme and the transfer of previously landfilled waste to an Energy from Waste plant for processing. Significant reductions in the electricity carbon conversion factor also influenced this figure.	Green	8.0%	44.0%	7.8%	5.1%	5.5%
Continue to implement energy efficiency	% reduction in energy consumption across the energy portfolio	12.31% reduction relative to 2013/14 base year. Continue to improve year on year.	Green					
measures across council facilities including investment in renewable and low carbon energy solutions	Agree 2019-20 Central Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF) Programme with CMT	CEEF Programme was approved by CMT on 1 July 2019. The amount available for the programme is approximately £849,000 and includes:- - installation of LED lighting in council buildings e.g. South Vennel, - installation of PV Panels in schools e.g. Chatelherault Primary School - Boiler Replacements e.g. Hamilton Water Palace.	Green					

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	Identify Council buildings with excess heat and carry out property audits to improve energy efficiency during 2019-20	The total for financial year 2019-20 was 154 audits. Feedback from the energy audits are used to help identify potential areas where improvements could be made to relative to energy efficiency. This includes identifying poor user behaviours, maintenance and controls requirements and investment in energy efficiency and carbon emission saving projects. Good examples of the types of improvements made are, signage, timers installed for local water heaters, adjustments to local heating and lighting controls, Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting installations, photovoltaic (PV) installations and Boiler replacements etc, some of which have been funded via the Central Energy Efficiency (CEEF) investment programme.	Green		40.00/		40.50/	
Deliver at least 10% reduction in vehicle emissions by March 2021 in accordance with the corporate carbon reduction target	Continue to reduce vehicle emissions in 2019-20 against the baseline of 2014-15	The 12.9% reduction in vehicle emissions is a direct consequence of the continued focus on reducing fuel consumption. The procurement of efficient vehicles, the roll out and use of vehicle telematics and other initiatives designed to reduce fuel consumption including reduced engine idling and improved utilisation have contributed to this measure's annual target being achieved.	Green	8.0%	12.9%	6.0%	10.5%	14.0%
	Fleet Services to engage with Resources to develop Service specific vehicle emissions reduction strategies for the period 2019-2021 in line with service delivery requirements	Throughout the year the Fleet Manager has regularly met Resource representatives to support the development of strategies to further reduce fuel consumption and vehicle emissions. The roll out of the new telematics system has enabled representatives to target behaviours that waste fuel including excessive engine idling, speeding, harsh acceleration and braking.	Green					
Promote and facilitate opportunities for efficient and sustainable	Review and implement the Council's staff travel plan by March 2020	Travel Plan reviewed and due to be re-issued. Due to COVID19 plan may require further update.	Amber					

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employee travel	Maximise funding opportunities through 2019-20 to implement walking and cycling initiatives	CTW has been in place since 2013 and since then 591 employees have taken part in the scheme. A further 82 employees participated in the June 2019 Campaign.	Green					
	Increase number of cycle friendly locations by March 2020	Meeting with Cycle Scotland to increase the number of cycle friendly location was cancelled due to lockdown.	Amber	5	4	0	0	0
		The meeting will be re-arranged with Brandon Gate to be an additional location. Expected meeting to take place early September.						

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

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Continue to develop	The Council's Sustainable Procurement	Following updates from Scottish Government	Report					
procurement processes	Policy to be approved by Council by 31st	Procurements updated guidance is anticipated	Later					
to improve	March 2020	on embedding sustainability within the Council's						
environmental outcomes		Procurement Strategy instead of a separate						
and ensure compliance		policy.						
with the council's	Roll-out of the revised sustainable	Following updates from Scottish Government	Report					
sustainable procurement	development policy, which includes the	Procurements updated guidance is anticipated	Later					
duty	development of employee guidance, by 31st	on embedding sustainability within the Council's						
	March 2020	Procurement Strategy instead of a separate						
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	Review of sustainability weightings in selected contracts due to renewal during	The Sustainability team reviewed the contract for 2019-20 and identified key contracts,	Green					
	2019-20	including Passenger Transport Services, where						
	2019-20	sustainability weightings and technical questions						
		were reviewed.						
Raise Awareness of	Develop awareness raising/educational	Global email and quiz emailed via Sustainability	Green					
waste minimisation and	campaigns to encourage employees to use	raising awareness of types of material suitable						
recycling initiatives	recycling services in the workplace correctly	for recycling in the workplace. New collection						
amongst council staff	, ,	service piloted in Forrest St, Blantyre to						
		encourage the separation of key recyclables at						
		work as at home.						

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Lead on reducing the council's reliance on avoidable single-use plastic items	Demonstrate action to reduce the reliance of single-use plastic items across the council during 2019-20	Work to reduce the use of, and raise awareness of, single use plastics continues across the Council. Discussions have taken place to introduce the cup movement within Council coffee shops. The cup movement was developed by Keep Scotland Beautiful and was first launched in 2019 initially in the Glasgow City Region. The Council has signed up to join many other organisations across the City Region in the cup movement to reduce the use of paper cups, minimise litter from cups and facilitate paper cup recycling in a bid to reduce the environmental impact of single-use items. The cup movement facilities will be available in Council coffee shops in the new financial year.	Green					
Maximise the use of environmentally responsible materials and reduce, reuse and recycle construction waste in new and refurbished council facilities	At least 20% of the total value of materials used during 2019-20 should derive from recycled and reused content in the products and materials selected	Measured through Green Profile on completion of projects.	Green			0.0%	0.0%	

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

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Ensure council's compliance with public sector climate change duties	Council's performance in complying with public sector climate change duties evaluated and annual statutory Climate Change Duties Report published by 30th November 2019	The annual climate change duties report was endorsed by the CMT on 24 October 2019 and approved by the Executive Committee on 6 November 2019. Following approval, the report was submitted to the Scottish Government using the online platform prior to the 30 November 2019 deadline.	Green					

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Ensure sustainable development and climate change principles (as per the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022) are maintstreamed across the Council	Demonstrate how sustainable development and climate change principles are mainstreamed within council service delivery	A new sustainability and climate change section was included in the capital programme submission forms where successful submissions would undertake further climate impact screening, if appropriate, to maximise capital investment and avoid costly retrofit at a later stage. A new implications section was introduced into committee reporting. Climate change, sustainability and the natural environment implications must be included in all committee reports. Following the UK and Scottish Government's declaration of a climate emergency it was agreed to establish a new climate change and sustainability committee.	Green					
Ensure Strategic Environmental Assessment of all appropriate policies, plans, programmes and strategies is undertaken	Annual report for Executive Committee and other governance groups on number and outcomes of Strategic Environmental Assessments carried out within the council, prepared by March 2020	The annual report on the number and outcomes of SEAs in 2019-2020 has been prepared and will be presented to the next appropriate Executive Committee meeting. Ten plans have been pre-screened between April 2019 and March 2020. Three further plans are currently subject to SEA. All SEAs are regularly monitored by the Corporate SEA Working Group which met four times during the fiscal year.	Green					
Climate change mitigation and adaptation to be considered in future capital investments strengthening sustainable development and best value	Incorporate a sustainability checklist in the capital budget setting process by March 2020	A sustainability checklist was incorporated into Section 3 of the Capital Project Submission forms, which were used in establishing the 2020/21 Capital Programme.	Green	-				

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Continue to raise awareness of the Council's sustainable development objectives and climate change duties and empower employees to take action	Using a wide range of methods, continue to communicate the Council's sustainable development objectives and climate change duties and engage with employees helping to build capacity to take forward action both in the workplace and at home	Many national and local campaigns have been promoted to employees throughout 2019-20. The promotions have included global emails, intranet and web news stories, social media post and Montrose House window displays. The national campaigns have included Recycle Week, Earth Hour, Home Energy Scotland, Step Count Challenges and Pass it on Week. The local campaigns have included the reduction of single use items, cycling surveys and recycling at home and at work.	Green					

Sustainable Environment

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Work in partnership to reduce land and air pollution within South Lanarkshire, minimising the impacts on human	Engage with communities on continuing Keep Scotland Beautiful's 'upstream battle' project during 2019-20	KSB selected a number of community groups initially to work on this project. SLC attended the launch and also worked with KSB last year, support was extended to those groups who worked on this project.	Green					
health and the natural environmental	Support communities involvement in local Spring cleans and their participation in the wider clean up Scotland Programme during 2019-20	SLC provided support throughout the year to community groups involved in spring cleans and general clean ups. Groups were provided with bags, gloves and litter sticks, grounds services also arranged to collect the rubbish and debris that the groups had collected. There were 16 clean ups and 781 participants.	Green			-		
	Introduction of a formal Litter Strategy that identifies a range of options and timescales to promote the new Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse and, in particular, the emphasis on prevention during 2019-20	The Litter Development Officer has now been recruited and work has commenced on the proposal for a litter strategy. Due for completion in 2021/22	Green					

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	Implement Air Quality Action Plan by March	The Service continues to work in partnership	Green					
	2020	with Roads and Transportation colleagues to						
		support a number projects that contribute to our						
		air quality action plan. Due to Covid-19 however						
		a number of projects have been put on hold and						
		discussions are ongoing with Scottish						
		Government regarding the longer term delivery						
		impacts and options.						
		Walking and cycling campaign continues, with a						
		joint project with SLLC Active Schools						
		Coordinators currently on hold.						
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		Beat the Street East Kilbride project was brought						
		to an end early due to Covid-19. During the						
		game more than 12,000 people from East						
		Kilbride participated and together they walked,						
		cycled, ran, scooted and wheeled 124,765						
		miles. A tremendous achievement. The project						
		has evolved into Beat the Bug with Dr William						
		Bird, a GP and founder of the company able to						
		give advice and guidance to the Beat the Street						
		community through these challenging times.						
	Implement the Contaminated Land Strategy	Work is ongoing on the implementation of the	Green					
	for South Lanarkshire	Contaminated Land Strategy. Larger projects						
		underway include the remediation project within						
		the Clyde Gateway area, as well as the						
		regeneration of the former landfill site Glen Esk,						
		East Kilbride into an urban park.						
		Further investigative works have been						
		undertaken to gather data on the condition of a						
		number of historical landfill sites, with a view to						
		supporting other departments should funding be						
		secured for future regeneration of these sites.						

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	Agree Vacant and Derelict Land Fund Programme with Scottish Government and implement projects within approved framework	The Vacant and Derelict Land Programme for 2019-2020 was approved by the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee on 19 March 2019 and approved by Scottish Government in July 2019.	Green					
		The following projects are now complete: -Clyde Gateway (remediation of chromium contamination at the former Whites Chemical Plant site and former Greggs Bakery site, Shawfield); and -Glen Esk in East Kilbride (creation of high quality urban greenspace at a former land fill site).						
and enhance the natural environment and ecosystem services	Open Space Strategy drafted by end of 2019 in partnership with Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership and other council services, and thereafter published for public consultation	The technical background analysis to inform the preparation of the Open Space Strategy is currently being undertaken jointly between the Council and the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership. In addition, new guidance from Scottish Government on the preparation process and content of open Space Strategies is awaited.	Red					
Monitor local environmental conditions through preparation and monitoring of the biennial update of the State of the Environment report	Biennial State of the Environment Report produced, with committee approval by March 2020	The 2019 edition of the South Lanarkshire State of the Environment Report was approved by the Executive Committee in February 2020. Key findings from the Report will be presented to relevant groups and forums thereafter. Work is now ongoing to update The State of the Environment Report on the digital learning platform, glow for use within schools.	Green					
The Council contributes to the enhancement of biodiversity by completing actions identified in the Biodiversity Duty	Provide management statements for 16 proposed Local Nature Reserves to SNH for consultation by March 2020	17 management statements provided to SNH for consultation. SNH will consider these as evidence of appropriate SLC commitment to manage these sites for people and nature. SNH endorsement for these sites is required before the Council can declare these sites as a LNR.	Green					

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
Implementation Plan	Prepare draft assessment criteria for 193 potential Local Nature Conservation Sites in the greenbelt/urban areas by March 2020	Criteria created and tested. Assessment criteria have been prepared and tested. This will enable potential sites to be assessed. Those passing the test will be recommended as Local Nature Conservation Site within the planning system.	Green						
	Carry out surveys for 50+ potential Local Nature Conservation Sites by March 2020	61 surveys carried out. Potential LNCS sites are surveyed. The findings are tested against the LNCS criteria to determine if they qualify as a LNCS. Those passing the test will be recommended as Local Nature Conservation Site within the planning system,	Green						
The Council works with the South Lanarkshire	Develop an Invasive Non-native Species position statement by March 2020	Document developed and consulted with SLC colleagues.	Green						
Biodiversity Partnership to enhance biodiversity across South Lanarkshire by fulfilling actions identified in the Biodiversity Strategy	Continue to monitor habitat management plans for wind farm developments with an annual review of project progress for each site by March 2020	Progress on delivering Habitat Management Plans for wind farm developments are reported (on variable time-scales) by their operators to site-specific Habitat Management Groups (each attended by SLC staff). A compilation of project progress has been deferred until autumn 2020 to input into the Council's Biodiversity Duty Report (at the end of 2020).	Green						
Use our natural environment to help mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change	Peatland Action Funding is used to enhance the natural habitats at Langlands Moss Nature Reserve with initial ground works to be completed by March 2020	Peatland Action funded element of works complete; wider site works ongoing.	Green						

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

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In partnership with local	Continue to explore funding opportunities by	Work continues to source funding. Scottish	Green						
communities, continue	March 2020 for phase 2 regeneration work	Forestry Funding component agreed in principle							
programme of	at Greenhall and Millheugh, Blantyre	but will not be available until 2021							
restructuring council	including costed proposals for replacement								
owned woodland and	river crossing								

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improving recreational access	Funding applications completed for Management Plans for Bothwell and Blantyre Woods by March 2020, through liaison with community interests, David Livingstone Centre and other stakeholders	Management Plan now completed for Bothwell Castle and Blantyre Priory woods. Part funding secured from Scottish Forestry and payment due in May.	Green						
Contribute to community health and wellbeing through active lifestyles and well managed and	Continued delivery of healthy walking opportunities throughout South Lanarkshire via the Get Walking Lanarkshire initiative	Programme will continue with funding form NHSL, SNH, NLC and SLC. Exploring option to recruit a project assistant, to be placed with SLC.	Green						
accessible greenspace	Green Flag accreditation at Strathaven Park, Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park retained, through implementation of individual actions set out in the action plans	All green flags retained in summer of 2019.	Green			-			
Encourage active travel and recreational access to the outdoors by implementing Outdoor Access Strategy and extending Clyde Walkway	Continued delivery of repairs programme to footbridges across the core path network by March 2020 in line with available external and internal capital funding	Over 2019-2020: 195 bridges were inspected 14 bridges were repaired 2 bridges were replaced Inspections were undertaken by Countryside and Greenspace (CAG) staff. Repairs were undertaken by CAG staff and volunteers, replacements were carried out by contractors.	Green						
	Continued investigation throughout 2019-20 into partnership and external funding opportunities for extension of Clyde Walway to link with neighbouring long distance routes	Work is continuing, albeit slowly for the past year. Discussions ongoing with with Biggar and District Community Heritage Ltd. and other local interests.	Green						
Continue to educate our young people about the local environment in which they live and encourage them to reduce the negative impacts they have upon it	Opportunities for children and communities to be part of outdoor and natural play activities are provided during 2019-20	Various opportunities provided across South Lanarkshire including Growing Up Wild programme.	Green						

Sustainable Communities

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

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19		
Explore options for innovative and affordable low carbon energy and heating solutions in local areas that will contribute towards national climate change ambitions	During 2019-20 continue to explore options and develop a pilot Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) in line with the Scottish Government pilot programme	The South Lanarkshire LHEES pilot was developed during 2019 and the final report was submitted to the Scottish Government in January 2020. The pilot focussed on identifying potential energy efficiency improvements in the Private Rented Sector and rural areas. Housing and Technical Resources with other Council resources, the Scottish Government and other stakeholders to understand how and when the development of a full LHEES will be progressed for the South Lanarkshire area.	Green							
Continue to improve energy efficiency of housing stock to help address fuel poverty	The Housing Investment Programme continues to incorporate sustainable changes to the Council's housing stock during 2019-20	Over £7.5m has been spent on improving the energy efficiency of Council housing stock during 2019/20. 1069 homes received new energy efficient central heating, 14 homes had external wall insulation fitted and 335 homes had new windows and doors.	Green	-						
	% of Council dwellings that are meeting the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESHH)	The year end figure of 93.39% exceeds the expected compliance rate.	Green	93.10%	93.39%	86.10%	89.40%	91.10%		
	Maintain % of Council stock meeting the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF)	The year end figure of 93.22% exceeds the expected compliance rate.	Green	92.9%	93.2%	92.0%	92.1%	92.5%		
Continue to maximise Home Energy Efficiency Programme funding to support owners and private rented properties	£2,103,436 funding secured for 2019-20 to carry out energy efficency work through the HEEPS: Area Based Scheme	Securing owner uptake of the HEEPS funding is challenging and reprogramming of projects has been required as a result. Consultations was due to begin in March, however, all sites were shut down at the end of March due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Although an extension of time was given to complete projects by June 2020 this will no longer be achieved. The site completion date will be reviewed once the construction industry is allow to commence works.	Amber							

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Explore options of assisting all South Lanarkshire residents to reduce fuel and energy costs	Engage with the Scottish Government throughout 2019-20 on setting up and participating in a new national Public Energy Company which aims to offer lower tariffs to customers	Currently awaiting response from Scottish Government on how this will be progressed nationally. South Lanarkshire Council remain an interested observer in a potential new national energy scheme and will engage with other local authorities and the Scottish Government once the national position has been clarified.	Green					
Provide and promote energy advice and support to households resulting in warmer homes and helping to reduce fuel poverty	Develop and deliver appropriate partnership actions through the Fuel Poverty Group	Actions within the Fuel Poverty Sub-Group action plan continued to be progressed during 2019-20. This included: - Assisting households to remove fuel debt from their account, with 371 cases recorded and over £46,000 of debt written off through interventions Reducing overall energy costs by increasing the number of council homes that meet the Energy Efficient Standard for Social Housing in 2019-20 to 93.4% Delivering energy advice training to front line officers from a range of housing, health and third sector services to enable them to better support households impacted by fuel poverty.	Green					
	% of households in fuel poverty (SHCS)	Based on a three year average 2016-18, it is estimated that 20% of households in South Lanarkshire are in fuel poverty. This figure is below the Scottish Average of 25%.	Contextual		20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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Encourage householders to	Implementing the Council's Contamination Service Standard where appropriate	Red tagging of household recycling bins extended to all recycling bins and quality of	Green					
participate in recycling	Gervice Standard where appropriate	material continues to improve.						

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initiatives	Ongoing engagement and communication with residents, schools and local community groups to raise awareness of recycling correctly and the waste journey	Face to face engagement suspended in line with social distancing measures. Communication via on-line channels in place to advise householders of current Scottish Government/LA guidance in relation to waste services.	Green							
	The percentage of total household waste that is recycled is increased compared to 2018-19 figure	This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2018-19 figures are available (see right and commentary below), however 2019-20 figures will not be available until January 2021. 2018-19 The percentage of total household waste that is recycled decreased in 2018-19 and was slightly lower than the Scottish average. When the new residual waste treatment contract was implemented, the council changed its focus to improving the quality of recyclable material collected at the kerbside instead of extracting low quality/low value material from residual waste. This resulted in lower recycling rates but the material that is collected for recycling has a higher value and viable end destinations. The council will continue to review its policies and practices in order to achieve the Government's recycling and composting target of 60% of household waste by 2020 and 70% by 2025.	Report Later	47.3%		53.0%	47.3%	44.3%		
	% of material accepted by the council's paper and card processor (compared to 2018-19 baseline figure)	Figure of 94% covers year to date up to February 2020. Year to date figure is 97% and will meet target of 84% set.	Green	84.0%	97.0%					
	% of household waste recycled at the council's household waste and recycling centers	From January to March 2020 56.9% of waste recycled and to year end 64.5% for the five facilities managed and operated by external contractor therefore exceeding target.	Green	60.0%	64.5%					

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Manage flooding priorities and deliver prioritised flood protection schemes	Prioritised flood protection projects / studies progressed / delivered by March 2020 in line with available capital / revenue funding	Waterfoot Road, Thorntonhall: replacement of a collapsed culvert under Waterfoot Road and associated drainage improvements were completed in September 2019.	Green						
		Gilbertfield Road, Cambuslang: design of surface water pumping station and attenuation device was programmed to be complete by end of October 2019, however due to Consultant delays the tender package was not delivered until November 2019. A mini-tender exercise was undertaken in December 2019 and again in early 2020. The tender returns on both occasions were in excess of the available budget, therefore the scope of works was reduced and an interim drainage solution was implemented on site in March 2020.							
		Programme of culvert maintenance: this is an ongoing programme of improvement works improve our network of culvert inlets and their surrounding areas in order to improve the safety of operatives maintaining these assets. Works carried out this year included the construction of suitable access paths, steps, fencing and handrails, and where necessary, the culvert inlet trash screens were repaired or replaced.							
Encourage the uptake of low emissions vehicles across South Lanarkshire	Roll out upgrade to and expansion of electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the network during 2019-20	Slight delay in the installation of new charging points due to Covid-19. However, works are being programmed for completion in the first half of financial year 2020-21.	Amber						

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Encourage greater use of public transport by working with partners to improve public transport infrastructure	Prioritised improvements to bus and rail infrastructure (e.g. Park and ride) progressed / delivered by March 2020 in line with agreed Park and Ride Strategy and available external funding	Planning consent was granted to allow the extension of the Park and Ride facilitates at Carstairs Junction. Works are almost complete but have been suspended due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation.	Amber					
		Third party land negotiations are complete to secure land for new Park and Ride facilities in Lanark however, due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation the process has not been able to be concluded as the Land Registry is closed.						
		Negotiations were completed with the land purchased by the Council for a new Park and Ride in Cambuslang.						
		Discussions with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) have identified the upgrading of bus stop and shelter infrastructure on the Fernhill Road / Mill Street as well as the Burnside Road / Stonelaw Road corridors in Rutherglen. Works were issued and subsequently completed on the Fernhill and Mill Street corridor. In addition, the expansion of Real Time bus information has been completed at 4 locations.						

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Encourage active travel by extending our network of cycle routes	Walking and cycling projects / schemes progressed / delivered in line with agreed 2019-20 capital programme	The Active Travel Study in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area is complete. A consultant has been appointed to undertake studies for Carluke and Law area, Lanark and Hamilton. These are ongoing however, the Covid-19 situation has affected the consultation process. These studies are now programmed for completion early in the new financial year. The completed studies will include a proposed identified walking/ cycle network for the towns as well as identifying measures and initiatives to promote sustainable travel. The expansion of the cycle network in East Kilbride will continue following the conclusion of the Active Travel study in the town. The concept design of sections on Churchhill Avenue and towards East Kilbride Railway Station through to East Main Road are complete. The first phase of the route on West Mains Road / East Mains Road are almost complete but have been suspended due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation. Cycle monitoring equipment as well as cycle shelters at various locations were identified and contracts issued for their installation. Works are almost complete but have been suspended due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation.	Amber					
Ensure the development of a sustainable food system to overcome social, health, economic and environmental issues related to food	Council Food Strategy developed and approved by Community and Enterprise Committee by January 2020, with implementation commenced thereafter	The Council Food Strategy was developed and endorsed by Community and Enterprise Committee in November 2019 and approved by the Executive Committee in December 2019. The action plan for the 1st year of implementation has been developed with relevant services.	Green					

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
Maximise opportunities for community benefits through the procurement process	Work with contractors to ensure that projects such as the Go4SET project for S2 pupils are delivered in accordance with the relevant community benefits commitments through the waste contract	The final of the South Lanarkshire Hub of the Go4SET project was held on 6 March at Headquarters. Representatives from the Engineering Development Trust and Viridor attended. Lesmahagow High School were announced the winners by the Lord Provost. Lesmahagow High School will now represent South Lanarkshire at the National Finals. This event has been rescheduled due to the ongoing	Green						
	Consider options for extension of community benefits and improvements to monitoring and reporting of community benefits by 31st March 2020	restrictions related to the COVID19 pandemic The Council approved a new approach to requesting and recording community benefits in December 2019 for implementation in 2020-21.	Green						
	Allocate EU LEADER and Community Benefit Funds	Leader funding of £4 million is fully committed. The management of the projects is ongoing until the end of 2020. Due to Covid-19 the Scottish Government have provided 3 additional months to complete projects and spend, each project is being managed and monitored. The Community Benefit Funds have awarded £975,942 of grants since April 2019 through 95 applications, including £195,000 in awards to 39 Community Councils or community groups to deliver micro grants.	Green						
Ensure council has development plans which promote sustainable economic growth and regeneration within a low carbon economy and guide decisions on location of new developments and regeneration initiatives	Proprosed Local Development Plan 2 submitted to Scottish Ministers by April 2019, with Examination Report containing recommendations submitted by Reporter to Council in late 2019 (plan will be adopted thereafter)	The Examination of the Proposed LDP2 started in October 2019. At present the Reporters are unable to carry out site visits which will delay the production of the report of the examination. No timescale for the submission of the report to the Council has been provided however it is unlikely to be before summer 2020 which in turn will delay adoption of the plan until late 2020/early 2021	Amber						

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Provide environmental volunteering opportunities and support community groups to manage local environmental projects	Number of volunteer days achieved as part of Environmental Volunteer programme by March 2020	The number of environmental volunteer days has grown considerably, largely because of new delivery partnerships working within the wide SLC CAG programme; with, for example Clydesdale Community Initiatives. Also, the number of community group partners reporting their own volunteer efforts is increasing.	Green	2,000	8,221	4,369	3,090	1,743	
Work towards the introduction of Part 9 of the Community Empowerment Act 2015 in relation to food growing	Undertake the necessary preparatory work and consultation in relation to food growing activity in order to comply with the Act's requirements by March 2020	New sites at Fernbrae Meadows and Murray Recreation now fully let. Planning consent for Lammermoor was approved December 2019 and work due to commence early 2020. Ongoing investigations into other potential sites taking place.	Green			-			
Continue to engage young people, pupules and the wider community in environmental education through Eco schools and similar programmes	Further embed climate change awareness and sustainability in Curriculum for Excellence	The reconvened Sustainability group devised a questionnaire to audit of the work currently undertaken by schools related to climate change and sustainability; the survey was rolled out to all primary establishments in February and was in the process of rollout to secondary schools when events were overtaken by the Covid-19 outbreak and subsequent school closures. When appropriate, schools will be contacted to complete the survey and results analysed to help determine what further support is required at local and national levels.	Green				-		

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	Continue to support involvement in	In addition to the Sustainability group's	Green					
	programmes and initiatives that help reduce	survey/audit, the organisation of a Pupil						
	climate change including Eco-schools	Conference on Sustainability and the						
	programme; Earth Hour and Globally Aware	Environment was well underway and due to take						
	Schools	place in March 2020. This was postponed in						
		light of the Covid-19 outbreak. All 17 secondary						
		schools and ASN establishments are engaged in						
		this initiative and will showcase their activities						
		related to climate change, eco-schools and						
		sustainability at a future date. Schools continue						
		to engage with Eco-schools/Keep Scotland						
		Beautiful with 66 having achieved their Green						
		Flag and 14 with applications underway. We						
		have Climate Ready Classrooms workshops due						
		to be delivered within SLC which will need to be						
		rescheduled when learners and staff return,						
		physically, to school.						
	Number of schools involved in Eco schools	The newly established Sustainability Group are	Green	90		0	0	0
	projects	have begun an audit of all schools to establish						
		those who are currently engaged in Eco-schools						
		projects but not directly pursuing Green Flag						
		status; the figure reported, therefore, is a raw						
		statistic that includes 66 schools that have a						
		valid Eco-Schools Green Flag and 14 schools						
		who have submitted applications (still to be						
		approved).						
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