

Report

Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy Update – Quarter 4 2019-2020
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide an update on the status of Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures at Quarter 4 of 2019-20

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the 2019-20 Q4 position in respect of actions and measures within the Sustainable Development Strategy be noted.

3. Background

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

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

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

3.3. The strategy action plan sets out specific actions to be undertaken to deliver objectives under each theme. The action plan is monitored using IMPROVe and the previous arrangement was to report progress on the action plan to the Executive Committee following Q2 and Q4. It is proposed that progress on the action plan will now be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee at Q2 and Q4.

4. Sustainable Development Strategy 2019-20 Q4 Update

- 4.1. The action plan for 2019-2020 contains 39 actions across the three strategic themes. Each action has one or more defined measures providing the status for each action. In total, there are 68 measures in the 2019-2020 action plan.
- 4.2. The overall summary of progress at the end of Q4 is as follows:-

Total number of measures		68
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	56 (82%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	7 (10%)
Status - Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target	1 (2%)
Reportable at a later stage / contextual	For some measures, the statistics are not yet available to allow us to report whether the target has been reached or not. These will be reported when available.	4 (6%)

Progress on all objectives, actions and measures is noted at Appendix 1.

- 4.3. The table below provides details on the red measure and the management action taken:-

Theme: Sustainable Environment		
Outcome: South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced and respected		
Measure	Comments/Progress	Action by Manager
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.	Awaiting new guidance from Scottish Government on the preparation process and content of open Space Strategies

- 4.4. Some of the highlights during 2019-20 include:-

- ◆ the Council continues to improve its carbon footprint year on year with a 56% reduction at the end of 2019-20 compared to the baseline year 2005-2006
- ◆ continued implementation of the Central Energy Efficiency Fund programme which has helped to reduce energy consumption by 12.31% compared to the

2013-2014 baseline year. Projects during 2019-2020 included LED light replacement in South Vennel and the installation of Solar PV's at Chatelherault Primary School

- ◆ the Council signed up to join many other organisations across the City Region in the Keep Scotland Beautiful 'cup movement'. The aim of the initiative is to reduce the use of paper cups, minimise litter from cups and facilitate paper cup recycling in a bid to minimise the environmental impact of single-use items
- ◆ following the UK and Scottish Government's declaration of a climate emergency, it was agreed that a new Climate Change and Sustainability Committee would be established for South Lanarkshire Council
- ◆ the Council supported community-led local Spring clean events as part of the wider Clean Up Scotland Programme, by providing groups 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
- ◆ Beat the Street East Kilbride project was brought to an end early due to COVID-19, however, during the game more than 12,000 people from East Kilbride participated and together they walked, cycled, ran, scooted and wheeled 124,765 miles
- ◆ the completion of vacant and derelict land programme projects during 2019-20 included the creation of high-quality urban greenspace at a former land fill site at Glen Esk in East Kilbride
- ◆ over £7.5 million has been spent on improving the energy efficiency of Council housing stock during 2019/2020. 1069 homes received new energy efficient central heating, 14 homes had external wall insulation fitted and 335 homes had new windows and doors

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. All Resources are required to contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Climate Change strategy and Carbon Management Plan to ensure that actions and targets are met. The Sustainable Development Officer and Carbon Management Officer monitor and report the Council's progress.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. Actions within the sustainable development and climate change strategy action plan for 2019-2020 have been funded from existing Resource budgets or securing external funding.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. The sustainable development and climate change strategy contributes towards the Public Sector Climate Change Duties, the Biodiversity Duty and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The current strategy underwent the Strategic Environmental Assessment process during development.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. Failure to meet the Council's sustainable development and climate change objectives, as per the strategy, is one of the Council's top risks.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

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Link(s) to Council Objectives and Values

- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

Previous References

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

List of Background Papers

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

Contact for Further Information

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