

# Report

Report to:	<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>4 November 2020</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy Update – Quarter 2 2020/2021</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update the Committee of the status of Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures at Quarter 2 of 2020/2021.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the 2020/2021 quarter 2 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 progress on the action plan will be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee following quarter 2 and quarter 4.

#### 4. Sustainable Development Strategy 2020/2021 Q2 Update

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

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

Total number of performance/ contextual measures		<b>37</b>
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	11 (30%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	0
Status - Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target	0
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	26 (70%)

4.3 The overall summary of improvements actions at the end of quarter two is as follows:-

Total number of improvement actions		<b>66</b>
Status - Blue	Action Complete	0
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	40 (60%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	6 (10%)
Status - Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target	0
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	20 (30%)

4.4 Progress on all objectives, actions and measures is set at appendix 1. A number of the highlights from the report include:-

- ◆ The percentage of South Lanarkshire streets found to be acceptable during the Local Environmental Audit and Management System (LEAMS) survey for April to July 2020 was 97.1%, this is above the annual target score of 95.5%.

- ◆ 16 new Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) have been declared for South Lanarkshire. LNRs are valuable places as they combine protection of the natural heritage with opportunities for people to enjoy, learn about, and experience nature close to their homes. 52.9% of the LNRs have active community management groups, the other sites have volunteer groups.
- ◆ The acceptance rate for material accepted by the Council's paper and card processor for April- June 2020 was 99.2%; this is up 2.24% compared to the 2019/2020 figure.
- ◆ This year's Cycle to Work scheme, which was launched in June saw a 190% increase in uptake compared to last year. The value of bikes for leasing was also increased to £2,000 from £1,000 to allow the purchase of electric bikes.
- ◆ The Council continues to support the reduction of single-use plastics. Hamilton Grammar School's Young Enterprise Company, Revitalise, was supported as they were selling personalised reusable water bottles in a bid to reduce single use water bottles. Revitalise also won the Lanarkshire Regional "Company of the Year" Award in April 2020
- ◆ With help from local volunteers, and in partnership with Buglife, the Council has created 12 pilot pollinator friendly sites in the Clyde Valley and 3 pilot Butterfly Conservation sites in Hamilton/Blantyre. Case studies on the pollinator and butterfly sites are being developed for possible roll-out across Council landholdings
- ◆ The Council secured additional funding from the Scottish Government to take forward active travel interventions in cognisance of Covid19 restrictions. These intervention projects include NCN75 route enhancement, the construction of a new cycle route between East Kilbride Rail Station and the Town Centre, social distance signs and markings as well as placing active travel banners have been provided at schools, town centres and neighbourhood centres

4.5 Many of the performance measures have this quarter been identified as 'Report Later' in the quarter 2 update. This is mainly due to data for measures only being available once a year and are normally reported at quarter 4. There are some performance measures where it has not been able to collect the data due to Services being redirected to respond to COVID-19; these measures will also be reported at quarter 4.

## **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 and associated action plan are funded from existing Resource budgets.

## **7. Other Implications**

- 7.1 The new sustainable development and climate change strategy has undergone public consultation and through the Strategic Environmental Assessment process.

## **8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

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

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### **Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values/Ambitions**

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

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Executive Committee report on 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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