

Community and Enterprise Resources

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Resource Plan

Performance Report 2021-22
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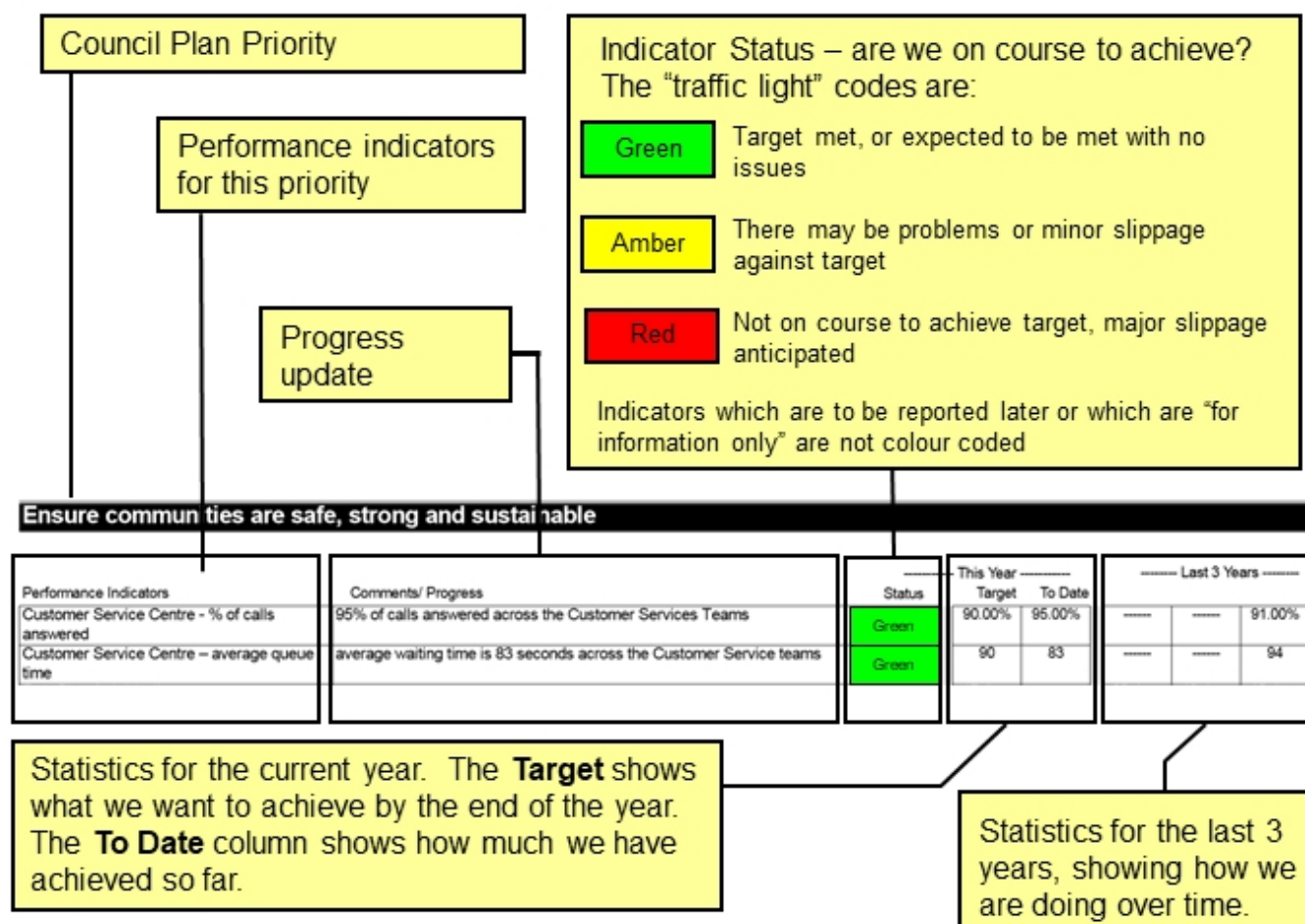
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Summary - number of measures green, amber and red under each Council Plan Priority / Theme

Council Priority/ Theme	Green	Amber	Red	Report later / Contextual	Total
Promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and tackle disadvantage	6			2	8
<i>Get it right for children and young people</i>					
Improve health, care and wellbeing	1			2	3
Ensure communities are safe, strong and sustainable	4	1	1	4	10
Total	11	1	1	8	21

Guide to the Performance Indicators report

Each of the performance indicators is shown in the following pages of this report. The graphic below explains how the report is laid out and what information is presented.



Ensure communities are safe, strong and sustainable**High-quality streets, parks and other public areas ensures South Lanarkshire is a place where people want to live, work and visit**

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Percentage of streets found to be acceptable during LEAMS survey	<p>This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2021-22 data will not be available until January 2023.</p> <p>2020-21 results show that South Lanarkshire Council continues to score higher for its street cleansing service than the Scottish average, with 94.1% of streets surveyed found to be of an acceptable standard in 2020-21. This is down slightly from 94.8% in 2019-20, however we are still above the Scottish average. It should be considered that since March 2020 we have had to introduce a more fluid service to protect our staff who have been working at the front line during the Covid-19 pandemic to continue to ensure that our streets remain clean and tidy, bins are emptied, and fly tipping is removed. It should also be noted that the Street Cleansing service were finalists in the 2021 APSE Service Awards for the whole of the UK in the category of "Best performer in Street Cleansing".</p>	Report Later	94.10%	-----	94.90%	94.80%	94.10%
Land Audit Management System grounds maintenance score	LAMS measures the quality of grounds maintenance based on surveys which are completed throughout the year. Taking all of this year's scores into consideration (72, 72, 74 and 67), the overall LAMS score for 2021-22 is 71.3, which is slightly below the target of 72.0.	Amber	72.0	71.3	71.5	72.0	72.0

Successful and sustainable communities

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Percentage of total household waste that is recycled	<p>Measure is reported per calendar year. The figure for quarter four (October to December 2021) was 37.21%. This equates to 41.50% for 2021, which is higher than the 2020 figure (40.5%), but remains below the target figure of 50.00%.</p> <p>Higher residual waste tonnages collected at the kerbside due to Covid-19 and home-working, high residual waste content in bulk uplifts (black bag waste accepted), and more non-recyclable waste being disposed of in Household Waste Recycling Centres, are all factors that need to be taken into account when understanding the household waste recycling performance.</p>	Red	50.00%	41.50%	44.30%	46.40%	40.50%

Ensure communities are safe, strong and sustainable**Successful and sustainable communities**

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Percentage of household waste sent to landfill in 2021	Measure is reported per calendar year. The percentage of household waste sent to landfill in 2021 was 8.66%, which is better than the 15% target.	Green	15.00%	8.66%	-----	-----	9.71%
Percentage of properties with Superfast Broadband >30Mbps	<p>This indicator is measured as the percentage of properties with access to broadband speeds of greater than 30Mbps.</p> <p>R100 has been investing in rural properties near Biggar, Thankerton and Stonehouse and further investment is scheduled during 2022.</p> <p>Any properties without >30Mbps by December 2021 are eligible for voucher support from UK and Scottish Governments.</p>	Green	96.6%	97.0%	94.5%	95.8%	96.6%
Town vacancy rates (vacant retail units as a percentage of the total units)	<p>This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2021-22 data will not be available until January 2023.</p> <p>In 2020-21, the vacancy rate decreased. Positively, this put South Lanarkshire below the Scottish Average (12.4%). Vacancy rates across South Lanarkshire held up reasonably well through the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic, however, there is bit of fluctuation across the various towns, and we continue to work with the relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>South Lanarkshire is fortunate in so far as many of the smaller towns and settlements have no or very few vacancies. Economic Development are working with private sector, business groups and partners to deliver on town centre strategies, accessing Scottish Government regeneration funding and seeking to diversify uses in town centres to maintain viability and vibrancy.</p>	Report Later	12.4%	-----	10.4%	12.8%	8.8%

Ensure communities are safe, strong and sustainable

The council addresses climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to the impacts of climate change, and acting sustainably

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Reduction in the council's carbon emissions achieved by March 2022, compared to 2019-20 (buildings, waste, street lighting, transport)	Data for 2021-22 will not be available until July 2022, however, interim data for this year is showing reductions, which have largely been affected by Covid safety measures.	Report Later	5.0%	-----	16.7%	44.0%	19.0%

Consumers and communities are protected and public health is safeguarded

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Broad compliance with food law statutory requirements secured in premises	<p>The rating scheme used to determine broad compliance with food safety requirements in food businesses operating within South Lanarkshire and inspected by Environmental Services changed on 1 July 2019. The previous food law rating scheme focused on broad compliance with food hygiene requirements only, whereas the new scheme assesses overall compliance with both food hygiene and food standards legislation.</p> <p>Under the combined old and new food law rating schemes, 95% were found to be broadly compliant in the fourth quarter of 2021-2022 (January - March 2022). This equates to 2,564 food businesses. Over the full year, 93% were found to be broadly compliant with both food hygiene and food standards legislation.</p> <p>This compliance figure continues to exceed the annual target set for this measure, and has increased gradually since the new food law rating scheme has come into affect. This is due to the fact that the new food law rating scheme allows Local Authorities to focus resources on high risk and non-compliant businesses by conducting more frequent inspections in these establishments.</p>	Green	85.0%	93.0%	87.0%	87.9%	90.0%

Ensure communities are safe, strong and sustainable**Physical development and land use in the area is enabled, guided and controlled to help facilitate economic growth**

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Immediately available employment land as a percentage of total land allocated for employment purposes in the local development plan	<p>This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2021-22 data will not be available until January 2023.</p> <p>In 2020-21, there was a slight decrease in the supply of marketable land as a proportion of total allocated employment land at 37.5%, which is down from 38.5% in 2019-20. This brings South Lanarkshire just below the Scottish average.</p> <p>A reduction in immediately available employment land is, however, a positive sign that South Lanarkshire remains an attractive investment location. The market for industrial space has been very active over the last 2 years with private developers taking advantage of strong demand and healthy rental levels at key locations to construct new industrial units for lease.</p> <p>Economic Development will seek to increase marketing of key investment sites as the new Economic Strategy is implemented and will also compliment this with support for new industrial development by the private sector, identification and appraisal of potential new investment sites, and opportunities to maintain an adequate supply of employment-land through collaboration with private and public sector partners.</p>	Report Later	37.5%	-----	39.1%	38.5%	37.5%
Percentage of all planning applications approved	<p>The approval rate for quarter four was 98.1%, which is the highest of the year and continues to exceed the target figure of 95%. The overall figure for 2021-22 is 97.1%, which is slightly up on the 96.2% for 2020-21.</p> <p>Please note that the rolling target of 95% provides the service with scope to refuse applications (only where the proposal does not comply with policy).</p>	Green	95.0%	97.1%	98.4%	96.9%	96.2%

Promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and tackle disadvantage**South Lanarkshire is an attractive place to start, grow and locate a business**

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Number of business support interventions per annum by Economic Development (grants, loans or advice)	2,679 businesses have been supported during 2021-22. This includes SLC business support, Business Gateway referrals and advice, and businesses supported with Scottish Government grants administered by Economic Development (excludes taxi drivers and operators grants). As with the previous year, this number is embellished by the delivery of Scottish Government Covid-19 funding.	Green	1,500	2,679	1,791	1,562	3,075
Number of jobs created or sustained per annum as a direct result of Economic Development intervention	The target for number of jobs created or sustained has been exceeded. The majority of the results are due to safeguarding jobs in response the the Covid-19 pandemic.	Green	350	1,095	812	943	-----
Increased value of sales generated by businesses as a direct result of Economic Development intervention	The annual target was reduced from £10m to £5m in 2020-21 and 2021-22, in anticipation of a down turn in activity and investment by businesses due to Covid-19. However, there are high projections of turnover growth by those businesses who are now engaging with economic development, and our partners, and seeking to invest in business recovery and growth. The economy remains vulnerable though in the short term, as the full impacts of the pandemic, Brexit, the war in Ukraine and consequent disruption and uncertainty sustain risk levels.	Green	£5.00m	£22.11m	£13.09m	£11.91m	-----

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		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Maintain 3 year business survival rate	<p>The 3 year business survival rate figure comes from ONS sources, and is not yet available for reporting this year. The most recently reported data is for 2017-2020, when the 3 year business survival rate had fallen slightly to 53.2%. In 2016-2019 the figure was 54.4% (1.2% decrease).</p> <p>It is difficult to understand the reasons for this decline, as we are not closely involved in measuring this data. There is a 'churn' in business start up and failure, as this often encompasses self employment as a consequence of redundancy, often followed by shut down to take up new, secure employment. The new Business Gateway contractor, Elevator, who have just completed their first year of delivery in Lanarkshire, are specifically tasked with increasing business start ups and also to increase the business survival rate. In addition, we have refocused SLC business support grant funding towards improving these areas of performance. Additional Economic Development resources have been secured, with new officers focusing on key sectors, improved marketing and promotion, developing business networks and encouraging inward investment, which, it is hoped, will see these stats improve over the next 3 years.</p>	Report Later	62.00%	-----	-----	-----	-----
Number of business gateway start-ups per 10,000 population	<p>This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2021-22 data will not be published until January 2023, however, provisional figures suggest there were approximately 15.3 Business Gateway start ups per 10,000 population during 2021-22. This is an improvement on the previous year, which saw a reduction in recorded Business Gateway start ups owing to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. A new Business Gateway contractor, Elevator, took over the Lanarkshire Business Gateway contract on 1 March 2021, which is contributing to this improvement.</p>	Report Later	16	-----	15	14	9

Promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and tackle disadvantage**All roads, footways and bridges and associated infrastructure are safe and fit for purpose**

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----	----- Last 3 Years -----				
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Percentage of the road network resurfaced during 2021-22	<p>During quarter four, continuing progress has been made and a further 0.34% of the road network has been resurfaced, bringing the total for the year to 2.9%, which exceeds the annual target of 2.4%.</p> <p>This includes carriageway surfacing works undertaken as part of the participatory budget funding.</p>	Green	2.4%	2.9%	3.7%	3.4%	3.1%
Percentage of our road network that should be considered for maintenance treatment (Road Condition Index)	<p>The Road Condition Index (RCI) results from the SCOTS (Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland) survey for the period covering 2019 to 2021 (published in January 2022), indicate that 29.7% of our road network should be considered for treatment, compared to our previous figure of 30.6%.</p> <p>This is a further improvement, and our RCI figure for the network condition is 4.5% better than the Scottish average (34.2%). This places South Lanarkshire in 10th position for the 32 local roads authorities.</p>	Green	30.6%	29.7%	31.2%	30.3%	30.6%
Contribute to the national casualty reduction targets: Number of casualties in South Lanarkshire during 2021	<p>Provisional casualty figures are available for the full year of 2021, when there were 252 casualties. Of these, there were 7 fatal casualties, 80 serious casualties and 165 slight casualties. There were 0 child fatal casualties, 8 children seriously injured and 21 children slightly injured.</p> <p>This compares with 2020, when there were 317 casualties. Of these, there were 10 fatalities, 86 serious casualties and 221 slight casualties. For children in 2020, there were 0 child fatal casualties, 8 children seriously injured and 28 children slightly injured.</p> <p>These are provisional 2021 figures and additional records may be added in addition to the reported figures above.</p> <p>The impacts of Covid-19 restrictions on travel patterns is likely to have influenced the number of accidents and casualties occurring on the road network.</p>	Green	431	252	507	431	317

Improve health, care and wellbeing**All school and nursery children have access to nutritious school meals**

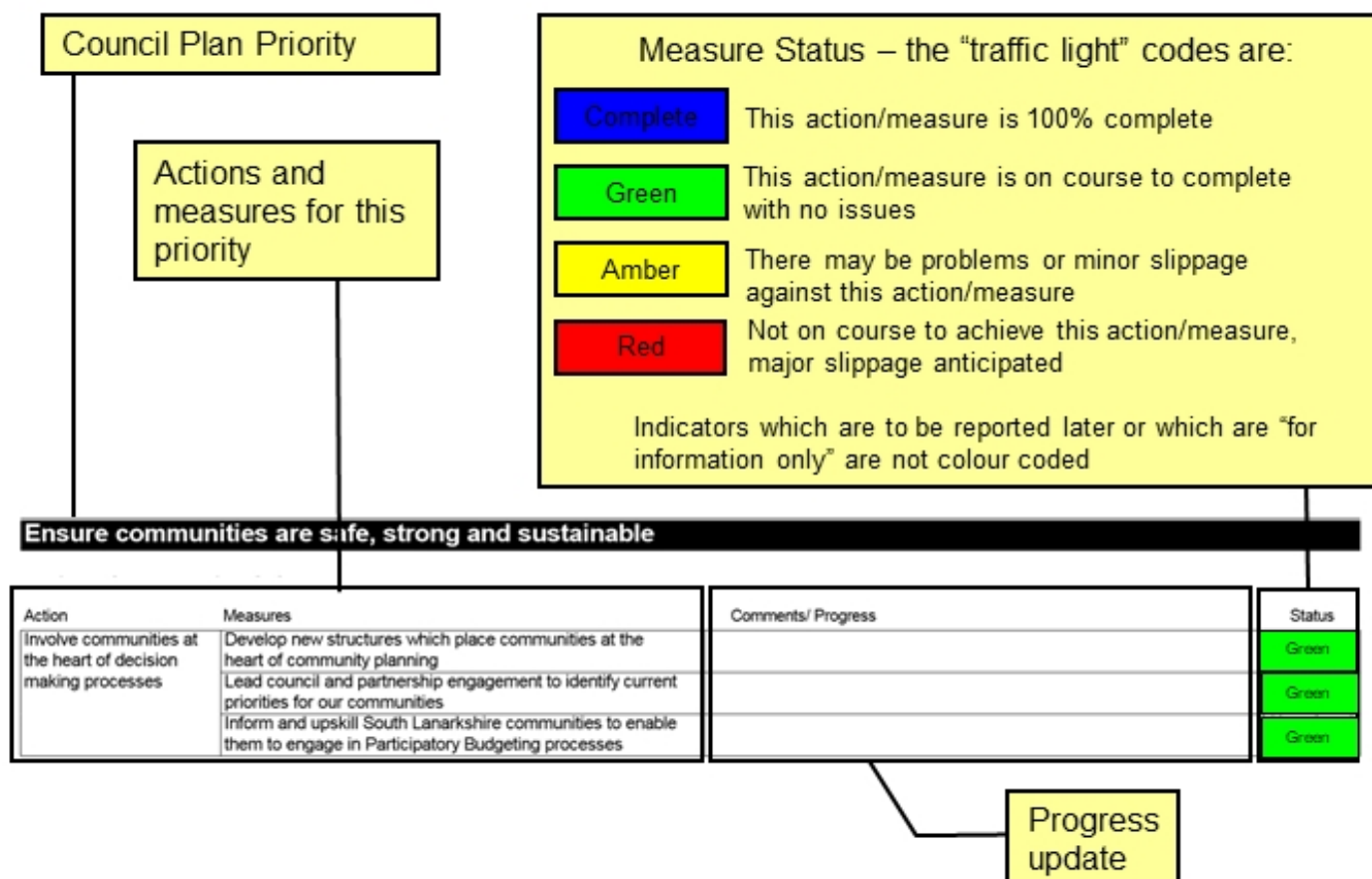
Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Level of primary school meal uptake (as proportion of total primary school meals which could be taken up over the period)	<p>The level of uptake, up to and including P13, was 58.24%. Figures for P14 are not yet available. Please note that school meal uptake figures continue to be affected by Covid-19 and its impact on school attendance.</p> <p>Target shown is the 2019-20 (pre-Covid) level and is for contextual purposes only this year.</p>	Contextual	59.28%	58.24%	-----	59.28%	41.31%
Level of secondary school meal uptake (as proportion of total secondary school meals which could be taken up over the period)	<p>The level of uptake, up to and including P13, was 36.31%. Figures for P14 are not yet available. Please note that school meal uptake figures continue to be affected by Covid-19 and its impact on school attendance.</p> <p>Target shown is the 2019-20 (pre-Covid) level and is for contextual purposes only this year.</p>	Contextual	47.33%	36.31%	-----	47.33%	24.38%
Number of lunches served in nursery schools as part of new Scottish Government Early Years Initiative	132,475 lunches were served during financial periods 10, 11 and 12. This brings the year to date figure to 438,249. Target has been exceeded.	Green	288,486	438,249	-----	288,486	218,249

Summary - number of measures complete, green, amber and red under each Council Plan Priority / Theme

Council Priority/ Theme	Complete	Green	Amber	Red	Report later	Total
Promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and tackle disadvantage		10	2			12
<i>Get it right for children and young people</i>						
Improve health, care and wellbeing	1					1
Ensure communities are safe, strong and sustainable	6	6	2			14
		1				1
Total	7	17	4	0	0	28

Guide to the Performance Measures report

Each of the performance measures is shown in the following pages of this report. The graphic below explains how the report is laid out and what information is presented.



Ensure communities are safe, strong and sustainable

High-quality streets, parks and other public areas ensures South Lanarkshire is a place where people want to live, work, visit and invest

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Progress the development of a new Litter Strategy (2022-2027) to promote the new Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (COPLAR), with particular emphasis on prevention	Engage with other local authorities to determine areas of best practice, by September 2021	This action is complete, however, officers will continue to attend and contribute to sessions with other local authorities via APSE, as well as regularly meet with Zero Waste Scotland and Keep Scotland Beautiful; and attend the Litter Managers Network. Representatives recently attended APSE streets seminar in Birmingham.	Complete
	Complete initial stakeholder engagement and consultation on proposed outcomes, outputs and activities, by September 2021	A Members' Awareness Session on the Litter Strategy was held on the 17 February 2022 to raise awareness with the elected members and get their views on the draft strategy, including the vision and objectives. This session was well attended with positive discussion regarding the topics which will feed into the final Litter Strategy.	Complete

Successful and sustainable communities

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Develop a sustainable food system to overcome social, health, economic and environmental issues related to food	Implement year two of the Good Food Strategy (2020-2025) Action Plan and monitor its impacts, particularly in relation to food insecurity and poverty as a result of Covid-19	The second-year action plan of the Good Food Strategy has been implemented. Detailed information on the implementation of each of the actions will be available in the quarter four food action plan progress reports that will be presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee. The report will include actions and progress in relation to food poverty.	Green
Deliver and encourage investment in our town and neighbourhood centres to maximise opportunities for growth and regeneration	Review and update existing town centre strategies to establish the impact and outcomes of Covid-19	The consultative draft of the Blantyre Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan was presented to Community and Enterprise Resources committee in December 2021. A consultant has been appointed to look at town centre visioning and net zero, which will feed into the updates of individual town centre strategies.	Green

Ensure communities are safe, strong and sustainable

The council addresses climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to the impacts of climate change, and acting sustainably

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Review and conclude the council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy (2017-2022), and develop the new strategy (2022-2027)	Complete review and development sessions with various stakeholders including council officers, local community groups, members of the public, young people in schools and further education, Community Planning Partners, and local businesses, by August 2021	Engagement sessions undertaken as part of the development of the strategy are now complete. This included: workshops and focus groups involving approximately 100 people from both the council and wider community; and a wider survey based on the findings from those previous events (over 800 responses were received from the survey).	Complete
	Develop a draft strategy for the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee approval by September 2021	An elected members session took place on 8 October to review the draft structure of the strategy based on the engagement sessions and national targets and milestones. A report on the ongoing process for the development of the strategy, in particular public consultation on the proposed vision, themes, and priorities, was presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 3 November. A draft of the strategy and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment was out for public consultation and the findings are being incorporated into the final strategy.	Complete
	Undertake a public consultation on the draft strategy and Strategic Environmental Assessment by December 2021	A draft of the strategy and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment was out for a six week public consultation throughout February and March 2022, and the findings are being incorporated into the final strategy.	Complete
	Develop final strategy for the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee approval by March 2022	Slippage on the public engagement element of the development of the strategy has had a knock-on effect on the rest of the timescales. The strategy will now be made available for committee approval in June 2022.	Amber
Create the conditions for the decarbonisation of the council's fleet	Implement year two of the Fleet Strategy (2020-2025) Action Plan and monitor its impacts, including emissions reduction levels and the trialling of new technologies	Work with Resources to manage vehicle utilisation, identify opportunities to increase productivity and to source/procure suitable low carbon vehicles is ongoing. Fleet continue to develop electric vehicle charging infrastructure to support the rollout of electric vehicles across Resources, including the 100% electrification of the pool car fleet. Vehicle emissions remain on a downward trend despite the size of the fleet not yet having reduced to its pre-Covid level.	Green

Ensure communities are safe, strong and sustainable**Consumers and communities are protected, and public health is safeguarded**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Safeguard health by improving air quality	Implement Air Quality Action Plan	In March 2022, Environmental Services again submitted our grant application to Scottish Government for funding to support a number of air quality action plan projects for 2022-23. Funding award notification is expected in May 2022 and this will shape the projects taken forward. The sustain stage of the Beat the Street project is ongoing and continues to support the local community in terms of active travel choices. This year's Engine Idling campaign is continuing with localised promotion of the 'no idling' message at key target schools. The Love to Ride South Lanarkshire project is ongoing with both the 'Winter Wheelers' and 'Ride Anywhere Week' cycling promotional events having been completed. Preparations are currently underway for the May Bike Month promotion.	Green

Physical development and land use in the area is enabled, guided and controlled to help facilitate economic growth

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Promote continued growth and regeneration through sustainable economic and social development within a low carbon economy, and guide decision making on the location of new development and regeneration	Adopt Local Development Plan 2	The plan was formally adopted by the council on 9 April 2021. The six week period for parties to seek a judicial review resulted in a challenge relating to a site designation in East Kilbride. The council's response has been considered and it has been concluded that the council will not challenge this particular issue. Instead, Supporting Planning Guidance has been prepared and was approved by Planning Committee in March 2022. However, the adoption of the Plan remains unaffected.	Complete

Ensure communities are safe, strong and sustainable**Physical development and land use in the area is enabled, guided and controlled to help facilitate economic growth**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Work with developers and public and private sector partners to deliver the Community Growth Areas City Deal projects	Progress Community Growth Area sites in accordance with criteria and programme specified in South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan and City Deal	Newton, Ferniegair, Hamilton and Larkhall have had significant completions and the main part of East Kilbride has now commenced. On average, each CGA is building faster than anticipated which shows that there is a demand for new build private housing across South Lanarkshire. In addition the 'affordable' elements associated with the CGAs continues to add to the social rented stock helping the council meet its affordable housing need targets.	Green

Vacant, derelict and contaminated land is brought back into productive use

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Identify and manage contaminated land within the statutory regulatory framework	Implement the Contaminated Land Strategy for South Lanarkshire	Work continues on implementing the Contaminated Land Strategy. The development control process delivery continued throughout 2021-2022 to consider sites affected by historical industrial legacy contamination. Examples of this include Clyde Gateway (Cambuslang/Rutherglen) regeneration, signify (Hamilton) factory site re-development, as well as the former Motorola (East Kilbride) site re-development.	Green
Agree and implement vacant and derelict / contaminated land programme	Implement projects approved within the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund framework for 2021-22	VDLF report was approved at Community and Enterprise Resources Committee on 28 September 2021. A delay in the implementation of an associated project (Clyde Gateway Cuningar Ph.2) has impacted the delivery of 2021-22 funded VDLF projects. These projects are being progressed for implementation in 2022-23 on completion of the Cuningar Ph.2 works in summer 2022.	Amber

Promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and tackle disadvantage**A fairer, inclusive, sustainable and low carbon local economy**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Establish a framework for action to support the recovery and renew the South Lanarkshire economy	Develop an Economic 'Response, Recovery and Renewal' Strategy framed around three themes: People, Place and Business, for Committee approval by June 2021	<p>Development of the new Economic Strategy has shifted focus during the year towards a more progressive forward thinking strategy, which sets out clear ambitions over the next five years (2022-27).</p> <p>The draft strategy is now due to be presented to Full Council at the end of June 2022 as part of a suite of documents accompanying the new Council and Community Plans.</p> <p>The proposed vision is “to make South Lanarkshire a flourishing, green, dynamic and equitable place for communities, visitors, businesses and investors”, and the strategy continues to be framed around the three themes of sustainable, inclusive economic development – People, Place and Business.</p>	Amber
Support Glasgow City Region City Deal development programmes	Prepare Business Case approvals for roads and Community Growth Area projects to be approved by City Deal Cabinet	East Kilbride Community Growth Area - Jackton Primary School Full Business Case submitted in December 2021, and approved at Executive Committee on 2 February 2022, City Deal Chief Executive's Group (CEG) meeting on 3 February 2022, and City Deal Cabinet on 15 February. Contractor has commenced works on site.	Green

Promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and tackle disadvantage**South Lanarkshire is an attractive place to start, grow and locate a business**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Lead on local economic recovery for South Lanarkshire businesses	Promote local economic support networks and contribute to the Lanarkshire Economic Forum (LEF)	<p>There has been a number of significant changes to the business support landscape with the introduction of a new Business Gateway contractor in Lanarkshire from March 2021, the ongoing review of Business Gateway services at a national level, and a review of Scottish Enterprise support.</p> <p>Significantly, much of Economic Development's resource has pivoted again to deliver Scottish Government Covid-19 grant support (from December 2021 to March 2022), as businesses continued to follow advice regarding reducing face to face contact. This has limited the number of normal networking opportunities.</p> <p>However, business support services are promoted through the website and social media, as well as through sector networking activity, including the LEF Business Sub group, and regular dialogue with the Federation of Small Businesses and Lanarkshire Chamber of Commerce.</p>	Green

Promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and tackle disadvantage**South Lanarkshire is an attractive place to start, grow and locate a business**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Support Business Gateway services under the new contract, deliver business support grants to businesses, and monitor uptake and outcomes linked to employment, high value jobs, increased turnover, internationalisation, innovation and inclusive growth	<p>The new Business Gateway contractor has successfully completed its transformation from the previous contractor with all relevant staff TUPE transferred, new premises secured, expert help framework procured, successful additional funding bids to deliver localised services in remoter and more challenging areas.</p> <p>The Business Gateway Steering group, chaired by the Leader of South Lanarkshire Council, has exercised scrutiny over Business Gateway performance via quarterly reporting and meetings, and are satisfied with year one performance. The majority of targets have been met, and areas for improvement agreed.</p> <p>Additional Economic Development resourcing has meant increased oversight of contract and collaboration in the South Lanarkshire area.</p>	Green
Prioritise business development advice, support and financial assistance to ensure businesses are able to continue to operate, whilst creating the right conditions for low carbon economic growth	Deliver programmes, services, and events to businesses around sectors, location, and themes (e.g., food and drink, tourism, construction, low carbon, innovation, internationalisation, collaboration, and young enterprise)	A number of events have been supported, including Lanarkshire Larder- food and drink network and promotion, Meet the real Buyer event and associated procurement training, Tourism Symposium, Build Lanarkshire construction sector support and participation in several external-led networking groups promoting SLC and partner business support services.	Green
	Manage the Supplier Development Programme to deliver events, training and e-commerce support to SME's or third sector organisations who are interested in working with the public sector	The Supplier Development Programme (SDP) continues to thrive under the leadership of the SDP Manager and a capable SDP Board of Directors; delivering training and events support nationally on behalf of member authorities, Scottish Government and other partners. The programme will benefit from increasing participation of NHS, after several years of encouraging their membership. Additional short term resources have been brought on board to sustain service levels while a strategic review progresses.	Green

Promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and tackle disadvantage**Road and transportation infrastructure supports new development, enables use of public transport and encourages active travel**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Provide road and infrastructure improvements to support new developments including those undertaken as part of the City Deal	Progress/deliver prioritised road infrastructure improvements in line with available external and internal capital funding for 2021-22	<p>A traffic signal control system called MOVA, which involved the upgrade/replacement of traffic signal equipment at the junction with East Kilbride Road / Blairbeth Road, Rutherglen has been completed.</p> <p>A traffic modelling exercise was also completed for the town of Lanark in Spring 2021. This has been reviewed and a consultation exercise has recently concluded. Responses are currently being reviewed.</p>	Green
	Complete Greenhills Road major transport infrastructure project	Current programme has a planned completion date of the end of April 2022. Although some finishing works will continue into May. Additional Covid-19 and material shortage related costs and other cost increases were identified and a package of measures to manage these has been developed. Material and resource pressures are continuing to affect programme.	Amber

Promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and tackle disadvantage**Road and transportation infrastructure supports new development, enables use of public transport and encourages active travel**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Development of the outline business case for the Stewartfield Way Sustainable Transport Capacity Enhancement Project and associated supporting technical assessments / designs	The Strategic Business Case has been finalised and was considered / approved by Executive Committee on 10 March 2021. It was also considered and approved by Programme Management Office, Chief Executive Group and Cabinet in May / June 2021. The financial profile was reviewed and adjusted to reflect the revised programme. Work on the outline business case has been refocused and the next steps are ongoing, including a potential Member's awareness session in Spring 2022.	Green

Promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and tackle disadvantage**Road and transportation infrastructure supports new development, enables use of public transport and encourages active travel**

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Enable greater use of public transport by working with partners to improve public transport infrastructure	Progress/deliver prioritised improvements to bus and rail infrastructure (e.g. park and ride) in line with agreed Park and Ride Strategy (2018-27) and available external funding for 2021-22	<p>A number of Park and Ride projects have been taken forward as outlined below: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Lanark Interchange Project – Following planning consent being awarded, works have recently been completed for new park and ride provision of approximately 30 new spaces. 2.Cambuslang Park and Ride – Works were completed in summer 2021 and the Park and Ride is open. 3.East Kilbride Rail Enhancement Project – The council is in partnership with Transport Scotland, Network Rail, SPT and Sustrans to take forward park and ride, bus interchange, pedestrian/cycle route access enhancements. Ongoing detailed design discussions are regularly taking place with a programme of works currently being considered following revisions to the rail network provision parts of the project. <p>Bus infrastructure works are complete, with a new bus turning circle constructed in Belstane Gate, Carluke. Bus stop and shelter works at various locations have also been completed with four shelters in Rutherglen recently replaced.</p>	Green

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Encourage active travel by extending our network of cycle routes	Progress/deliver walking and cycling projects/schemes in line with agreed 2021-22 capital programme	<p>A number of cycling and walking projects are progressing and these are listed below: -</p> <p>1)Active Travel Studies – The three studies for Bothwell, Uddingston and Blantyre Area / Strathaven, Stonehouse and surrounding villages/ and Larkhall, have been completed and posted on the council's website.</p> <p>2)East Kilbride Cycle Network - This project on West Mains Road is split into phases to reflect current and anticipated future funding availability, as well as connecting into the East Kilbride Rail Corridor Enhancement project being taken forward by Network Rail. Construction of a section on West Mains Road between the rail station and a point to the east of Kirktonholm Road is complete. Consultation on a future phase on Churchill Avenue is complete, and the feedback is currently being reviewed.</p> <p>3)Bothwell/Uddingston Cycle Network (NCN74 Raith to NCN75 Uddingston – Consultation on options was undertaken in January 2022. A section of footpath widening between Bellshill Road and North British Road has been completed.</p> <p>4)Carstairs Junction to Carluke – Construction works which include buildouts, speed limit reduction and other associated works were recently completed.</p> <p>5)Cycle Parking Provision in Town Centres – Locations for new shelters have been identified and works were recently completed.</p> <p>6)Cycle Shelters and parking stands in schools – Locations for new shelters have been identified and funding successfully awarded. Shelter works were recently completed.</p> <p>7)Cycle Route designs currently being taken forward in various locations: Larkhall to Blackwood / Carluke and Law / Hamilton / Lanark</p>	Green

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

Improve health, care and wellbeing

All residents have the opportunity to access cultural, leisure and outdoor recreational activities to help improve their wellbeing and quality of life

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Redefine the future delivery of culture and leisure provision in South Lanarkshire	Develop a Strategic Commissioning Framework for South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture (2021-2026) for Committee approval by June 2021	<p>The outcomes from the SLLC Cross Party Working Group were endorsed by the Executive Committee and agreed at Full Council on 23 June 2021, and then subsequently agreed by the SLLC Board in August 2021.</p> <p>A revised pricing policy was agreed by the SLLC Board for implementation from 1 April 2022.</p> <p>The SLLC Board agreed the draft constitution for the new SCIO model at their Board meeting on 23 February 2022, noting that SLC and SLLC's legal advisors would continue to liaise on the final detail prior to submission of the relevant documentation to OSCR and pending subsequent SLC approval.</p> <p>The Board also agreed the next steps required to progress the transition to the proposed new governance arrangements. It is anticipated that the first meeting of the SLLC Board under the new governance arrangements will take place in August 2022, subject to Council approval and setting up of a nominee company.</p>	Complete

Delivering the plan and achieving best value

Deliver and communicate the Council Plan and ensure high standards of governance

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Improve resilience / emergency preparedness for the council	Increase awareness of resilience planning initiatives and practices, and consider lessons learned from Covid-19 to build resilience and better respond to future crises	Progress is being made via SLC's support of multi-agency resilience meetings and events at local, regional and national level. Activity includes the ongoing response to Covid-19 in the support of public vaccination and testing programmes. The council continues to work with partners in preparing for the consequences of civil emergencies including mass fatalities, power failure and displacement of people. In April 2022, the council will participate in a national multi-agency exercise examining response and recovery from major pollution incidents.	Green