

Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022–2027

Performance Report

Quarter 2 : 2023/24 - April to September



Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy

Theme and vision

People



People are at the heart of a sustainable South Lanarkshire. Health and well-being are paramount; no one should be disproportionately affected by the impacts of climate change; there should be a just transition to a net-zero future; climate inequalities and fuel poverty are reduced; and there is harmony between society and nature.



Place and communities

Communities are empowered and supported to create sustainable, inclusive and thriving places that are net-zero, climate resilient, well connected, with access to energy efficient, comfortable and affordable homes, local services, and local quality outdoor space.



Our future is **now**

building a sustainable,
climate resilient and net-zero
South Lanarkshire together,
in a fair and inclusive way



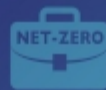
South Lanarkshire's natural environment, greenspace, and biodiversity is restored, protected, enhanced, and respected, enabling basic needs like clean air, clean water, and healthy soils, as well as many other health and wellbeing and economic benefits for the people of South Lanarkshire.

Natural environment



South Lanarkshire demonstrates leadership and innovation in the transition to a thriving, net-zero, climate resilient, and circular economy.

In partnership with businesses and social enterprises, we should aim to protect and enhance our natural resources and the health and wellbeing of citizens through building community wealth, providing sustainable, quality, green job opportunities, re-skilling and training, and leaving no one behind.

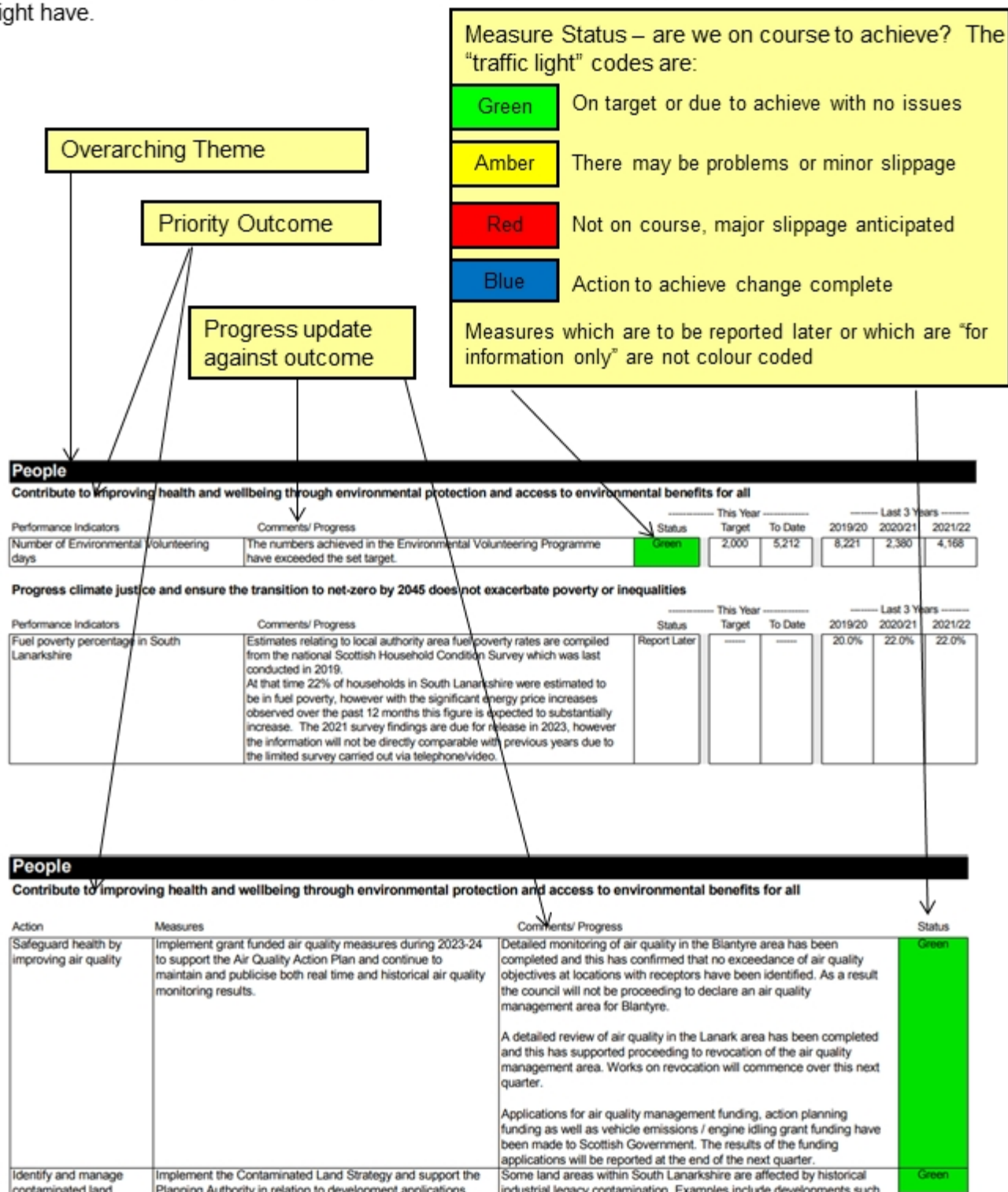


Green economy



How to use this performance report

This performance report is intended to be both informative and easy to use. The guide below is designed to help you get the most out of the report and to answer the most common questions you might have.





Summary (Section 1) - number of Quantitative Measures green, amber and red under each Sustainable Development Theme

Sustainable Development Theme	Green	Amber	Red	Report later / Contextual	Total
People				4	4
Place and Communities				13	13
Natural Environment (Planet)	1			1	2
A Green Economy (Planet)	1	1			2
Total	2	1	0	18	21

Summary (Section 2) - number of Improvement Actions complete, green, amber and red under each Sustainable Development Theme

Sustainable Development Theme	Complete	Green	Amber	Red	Report later	Total
People	2	19	2		3	26
Place and Communities		35	4		12	51
Natural Environment (Planet)	2	8	1			11
A Green Economy (Planet)	4	19				23
Total	8	81	7	0	15	111

Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy - Section 1: Performance Measures

The following section provides performance and contextual measures for each of the themes in the strategy. The performance measures highlights progress towards each of the outcomes. The contextual measures provide a health check; however, these are not fully in the scope of influence for the Council.

People

Contribute to improving health and wellbeing through environmental protection and access to environmental benefits for all

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Number of Environmental Volunteering days	Numbers are not collated until the year end, and will be reported in quarter four.	Report Later	2,000	-----	2,380	4,168	5,212

Progress climate justice and ensure the transition to net-zero by 2045 does not exacerbate poverty or inequalities

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Fuel poverty percentage in South Lanarkshire	Estimates relating to local authority area fuel poverty rates are compiled from the Scottish Household Condition Survey. The report published in April 2023 is based on a reduced set of indicators that does not include the fuel poverty figure previously reported. The closest indicator is extreme fuel poverty which is 9.4%. Extreme fuel poverty is measured where more than 20% of a household income after housing costs is spent on fuel (Office for National Statistics 2023).	Contextual	-----	9.4%	22.0%	22.0%	-----

Influence change through improving the understanding of Sustainable Development and the Climate emergency across South Lanarkshire

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Number of council employees who have completed the Learn on Line Climate Change modules	Since it was introduced this year the Climate Change Learn on Line modules have been completed by 1,364 employees.	Contextual	-----	1,364	-----	-----	1,354
Encourage schools to achieve eco school status	43 South Lanarkshire Council establishments currently hold eco school status with 9 schools submitting actions plans and awaiting assessment.	Contextual	-----	43	-----	-----	35

Place and Communities

Improve affordable, sustainable, and accessible transport options

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23

Place and Communities

Improve affordable, sustainable, and accessible transport options

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Proportion of journeys made by foot in South Lanarkshire	Figures reported here are taken from Transport Scotland's Transport and Travel in Scotland document published in April 2023 using data from the Scottish Household Survey 2021. 20% of journeys were made by foot in South Lanarkshire in 2021 (compared to 29.6% nationally) Where a journey involves more than one mode of transport (e.g. a bus, then a train), the main mode is defined as the one used for the longest stage (in distance).	Contextual	-----	20.0%	-----	-----	-----
Percentage of trips being made by bike	There were 0% of journeys made by cycle in 2021. Nationally this was 2% Note: where a journey involves more than one mode of transport (e.g. a bus, then a train) the main mode is defined as the one used for the longest stage (in distance). (Figures taken from Transport Scotland's Transport and Travel in Scotland document published in April 2023 using data from the Scottish Household Survey 2021. However, this figure is based on a small sample size due to Covid 19 pandemic impacts).	Contextual	-----	0.0%	-----	-----	-----
Proportion of journeys that are made by bus and rail	There were 4% of journeys made by bus and rail in 2021. Nationally this was 5% Note: where a journey involves more than one mode of transport (e.g. a bus, then a train), the main mode is defined as the one used for the longest stage (in distance). (Figures taken from Transport Scotland's Transport and Travel in Scotland document published in April 2023 using data from the Scottish Household Survey 2021 – Local Authority Table 16 - Main Mode of Travel)	Contextual	-----	4.0%	-----	-----	-----

Place and Communities

Improve affordable, sustainable, and accessible transport options

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Mode share of school children traveling by active or public transport (Annual national 'Hands Up' Survey)	<p>Figures reported here are taken from Sustrans Annual National Hands Up Survey published in May 2023 using data from 2022.</p> <p>59.9% of children travelled to school by active or public transport during 2022 (excluding nursery). 37.3% walked, 3% cycled, 2.6% travelled by scooter/skate and 17% travelled by bus.</p> <p>Nationally, in 2022 and 2021, 65.2% and 64.8% of school children travelled by active or public transport (respectively) - an increase of 0.4% over the year.</p>	Contextual	-----	59.9%	59.8%	59.0%	59.9%
Mode share of adults traveling to work or education by active or public transport (Scottish Household Survey)	<p>There were 24% of adult travelling to work by active or public transport in 2021. (12% walked, 6% travelled by bus and 6% travelled by rail (0% cycled))</p> <p>This is a slight increase of 3% when compared to 2019 data which was 21%. (7% walked, 1% cycled, 4% by bus and 9% by rail)</p> <p>Nationally in 2021 and 2019 these figures were 27% and 30% showing a 3% decrease. However, it is likely that the 2021 data will have been affected by the changes to travel patterns caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>(Figures taken from Transport Scotland's Transport and Travel in Scotland document published in April 2023 using data from the Scottish Household Survey 2021 - Local Authority Table 1 - Employed adults (aged 16+) not working from home - usual method of travel to work)</p>	Contextual	-----	24.0%	21.0%	24.0%	24.0%

Progress a transition to net-zero, energy efficient and climate resilience homes, buildings and infrastructure, and minimise the unsustainable use of natural resources and regenerate where appropriate

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Carbon emissions in tonnage for South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority. (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	<p>Annual data is published by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (previously BEIS). It has a two-year lag therefore this figure (1,203.9 kt CO₂e) relates to carbon emissions for 2021.</p>	Contextual	-----	-----	1,263.2	1,203.9	-----

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Percentage reduction on area-wide emissions compared to previous year: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	Annual data is published by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (previously BEIS). Area-wide emissions increased by 10% in calendar year 2021 compared to 2020. Figures for this period have been impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic.	Contextual	-----	-----	-9.2%	10.0%	-----
Per capita: emission within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	Annual data is published by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (previously BEIS). Data (3.7 tCO ₂ e) is for calendar year 2021.	Contextual	-----	-----	3.40	3.70	-----
Achieve zero direct emissions from Council operations (buildings and fleet fossil fuels) by 2038	The council's direct carbon emissions (32,869 carbon tonnes) for financial year 2022-23 reduced by 2.3% compared with baseline year 2019-20.	Contextual	0.0	-----	-----	-----	32,869.0
Reduce indirect emissions from Council carbon footprint (electricity, household waste and staff travel)	<p>The council's indirect carbon emissions for financial year 2022-23 (20,685 carbon tonnes) reduced by 38% compared with baseline year 2019-20.</p> <p>The reduction is partly due to the national carbon conversions factors for electricity, gas and waste which are significantly lower than the 2019-20 factors.</p> <p>The amounts of waste being sent to landfilled decreased with more waste processed at the Energy from Waste (EfW) facility. Emissions associated with staff travel also decreased due to low emissions vehicles and agile working.</p>	Contextual	-----	-----	-----	-----	20,685.0
Occurrence/reduction of flood events	In 2022 there were 1,054 recorded flooding incidents in South Lanarkshire. The majority of these incidents were relatively minor category 1 or 2 occurrences. However, 8.9% of incidents resulted in flooding of residential and/or commercial property. In the same period, there have been three Category 4 incidents of river flooding.	Contextual	-----	-----	1,214	705	1,054
Percentage of Council dwellings that are meeting the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH 2032)	The 2025 and 2032 EESH Milestones have been suspended as the Scottish Government are reviewing the EESH2 standards to strengthen and realign the standard with the target for net zero heat in houses from 2045.	Report Later	-----	-----	93.88%	98.64%	-----

Place and Communities

Empower communities to take climate action and be more environmentally sustainable

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Increase in the overall number of food growing participants on Council land including schools, care homes, housing area and areas managed by community groups or third-party organisations	This will not be reported until survey for the annual report is due later on in 2024. A survey is currently being prepared and will be issued to food growing groups by February 2024, the collated response will be available in March 2024.	Report Later	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

Natural Environment (Planet)

Improve the availability and access to quality outdoor spaces and services

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Percentage of streets found to be acceptable during Litter Monitoring System Survey	<p>The Litter Monitoring System (LMS) is a statutory requirement and involves external validation by Keep Scotland Beautiful. It is reported via the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF).</p> <p>In 2021-22, South Lanarkshire Council continued to score higher than the Scottish average, with 92.10% of streets surveyed found to be of an acceptable standard. This is down slightly from 94.05% in 2020-21.</p> <p>The LMS results for 2022-23 will be reported as part of the LGBF framework in early 2024. An update will be provided at quarter three.</p>	Report Later	92.1%	-----	94.1%	92.1%	-----
Retain Green Flag accreditation at Strathaven Park, Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park	We retained green flag status for all three parks again. Work has started on the revised action plan following judges' comments. One of our employees who maintains Strathaven park was awarded joint employee of the year by Keep Scotland Beautiful.	Green	3	3	3	3	3

A Green Economy (Planet)

Lead the transition to a circular economy and improve resource efficiency through responsible consumption and production, and buying and selling of local goods and services

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Percentage of total household waste that is recycled	<p>This measure is reported per calendar year and the latest figures relate to the period from April to June 2023 (48%). The year to date figure reflects performance from January to June 2023 (44.24%). This remains below the target of 50%.</p> <p>Performance in April to June 2023 (48%) is an improvement on the same quarter in 2022 (45.08%).</p> <p>The new bulky waste contract continues to increase the quantities of bulky waste being recycled. Performance will continue to be closely monitored.</p>	Amber	50.00%	44.24%	40.50%	41.50%	41.20%
Percentage of household waste sent to landfill	<p>This measure is reported per calendar year and the latest figures relate to the period from April to June 2023. The year to date figure reflects performance from January to June 2023 (1.45%). This remains well below the target to stay under 10%.</p> <p>Performance in April to June 2023 (1.52%) is slightly more than the same quarter in 2022 (1.48%).</p>	Green	10.0%	1.5%	9.7%	8.7%	1.8%

Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy - Section 2: Improvement Actions

The following section provides improvement actions that contribute towards meeting the outcomes in each theme for this financial year.

People

Contribute to improving health and wellbeing through environmental protection and access to environmental benefits for all

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Safeguard health by improving air quality	Implement grant funded air quality measures during 2023-24 to support the Air Quality Action Plan and continue to maintain and publicise both real time and historical air quality monitoring results.	<p>The annual air quality progress report has been completed and accepted by Scottish Government. SEPA have also reviewed and accepted the Progress Report. The findings of the report shows an overall downward trend in the measured concentrations of the main pollutants of concern. Scottish Government and SEPA both agree with the revocation of the Lanark Air Quality Management Area as well as the proposal to review the Whirlies and Rutherglen Air Quality Management Areas.</p> <p>Work is ongoing to deliver the various projects which have received Scottish Government funding as well as Smarter Choices, Smarter Places funding support. Monitoring equipment continues to be utilised as funded by the Local Air Quality Management. Vehicle emission testing events have been run over the summer months and the engine idling campaign work has commenced alongside the new academic year to continue our focus on idling outside schools. Action planning work is also ongoing with EcoStars, BetterPoints, WALKCYCLE4AIR, Beat the Street Clydesdale and Walk to School projects being some of the projects supported through these funding streams.</p>	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Identify and manage contaminated land within the statutory regulatory framework	Implement the Contaminated Land Strategy and support the Planning Authority in relation to development applications.	<p>Historical land use has left its legacy within some parts of South Lanarkshire. Clyde Gateway regeneration within the Rutherglen area, re-development of the former Signify site in Hamilton and Cuningar Loop are examples of such sites within South Lanarkshire.</p> <p>Part of the work of Environmental Services is to work in partnership with planning and development control colleagues to ensure sites with contamination issues are identified and any contamination issues addressed. The review of site investigations, remediation proposals as well as final verification of remediation works form part of that work.</p> <p>Vacant and derelict land, especially historical landfill sites, are reviewed as part of the contaminated land work with an overarching ambition to bring such sites into sustainable and beneficial use for the communities we serve.</p>	Green
Incorporate the risk of heat and overheating in the corporate risk register	Include the risk of heat and overheating in the corporate severe weather scorecard with relevant mitigation measures	This has been included during the review of the council's top risks 2023-24.	Green
	Ensure that heat and overheating is incorporated in each Resource's risk scorecard	Resource risk sponsors have included the impact of heat and overheating in their risk score cards and risk registers.	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Promote healthy and local sustainable food including Fairtrade products to Council employees and South Lanarkshire residents	Support campaigns promoting healthy and local sustainable food and share good practices.	Campaigns promoting sustainable food including from the national initiative Love Food Hate Waste are regularly shared on Council social media.	Green
Continue to administer and monitor the Food Strategy Support Fund	Ensure project delivery and outcomes achieved by March 2024.	<p>£0.277m of the £0.300m has been committed, with the breakdown of projects as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •£205,000 to provide a new allotment site in the Hamilton area. The Chatelherault site is complete and fully occupied. •£15,000 to develop additional growing space at Richmond Allotment. Work started onsite and is due to complete late in the year. •£5,000 for Unpaid Work Service Garden Project (Social Work)-project ongoing. •£20,000 for the Food Strategy Community Grants were allocated to groups in 2022-23. •£32,500 to five other projects which were approved for funding in financial year 2021-22. <p>The remaining £23,000 was returned to Corporate Finance as a result of a savings exercise.</p>	Green

People

Progress climate justice and ensure the transition to net-zero by 2045 does not exacerbate poverty or inequalities

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
PHD student from Glasgow Caledonian University will undertake a study to assess impact of climate change on South Lanarkshire communities.	The PHD student will submit a proposal and methodology which will be internally assessed by the supervisory panel by March 2024.	The PhD student is currently working on a literature review and is on track to submit their project proposal and methodology by March 2024.	Green
Support the households within the South Lanarkshire Council area that are in, or are susceptible to being in, fuel poverty	Use the datasets available via the Scottish Government and the Energy Savings Trust's Home Analytics tool to identify properties where residents are in or are susceptible to poverty. The findings will be used to prioritise investment and support energy efficiency measures.	Analysis on fuel poor areas has been undertaken through the development of the LHEES strategy. Target areas and proposed actions will be detailed in the LHEES delivery plan which is due to go out to consultation in February 2024.	Report Later
Investigate options to replace fossil fuel heating systems within our domestic properties	Carry out a review of the Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHP) installation programme in our domestic properties by March 2024	<p>The priority in the Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) strategy is for a fabric first approach to energy efficiency with longer term targets to replace fossil fuel heating systems. The LHEES delivery plan will look at potential heat network zones for decarbonisation as well as properties which are in 'Category 1', i.e. those properties which already meet the required criteria for immediate potential for heat pump retrofit.</p> <p>The Scottish Government are currently consulting on a new Social Housing Net Zero Standard in Scotland so the options to replace fossil fuel heating systems within our domestic properties, and the timescales in which to do so, will need to be reviewed following the adoption of the new standard for social housing. A comparison of the costs of running an ASHP against a gas boiler is nearing conclusion and will be reported at a later date.</p>	Report Later

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Carry out feasibility work to assess the financial implications to a household as a result of decarbonisation of heat to their home by March 2024	Following the adoption of the new standard for social housing, and in conjunction with the delivery of our LHEES, further work will be required to develop a programme to ensure compliance with the standard by the timescales set by the Government.	Report Later

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Identify and support the development of initiatives to tackle food poverty and food security	Work in partnership with the Community Planning Partnership organisations and community food organisations to reduce the reliance on food banks by prioritising access to emergency financial assistance, money advice and access to holistic support services	<p>Following the publication of the national plan “Cash-First- towards ending the need for food banks in Scotland” in June 2023, the Council applied to the Scot.Gov Cash First Fund to deliver “the Financial Wellbeing Support Fund – Cash First” pilot project. The project, led by Money Matter Advice Services, aimed to support 4,250 households by facilitating Cash First payments and offering wide support thanks to a partnership approach. Community Planning Partners, Citizen Advice Bureaux, food banks and other community food organisations were consulted to develop the proposal. The application was unsuccessful preventing the development of a partnership approach. However, Money Matter Advice Service are providing £50 cash payments by developing their own Cash-First Scheme.</p> <p>A community networking event including community food organisations was organised by the Community Engagement Team during the Challenge Poverty Week in October 2023.</p> <p>Information from the Council leaflet "Money is not the only problem" including information on food and healthy eating is regularly published on Council social media. The online map of places where free or affordable food can be found in the Council area has been updated and is available on the Council website.</p>	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Promote the weather-related warnings and advice provided by the Met Office and SEPA to support individual and community preparedness	Cascade Met Office and SEPA warnings and advice via council social media in real time through the council's Public Communications Team	Alerts issued where appropriate.	Green
Localise the UN's global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and integrate with South Lanarkshire's Community Plan	The Community Planning Partnership will map the SDGs to the community plan related Statutory Partnership Plans and agree local targets and indicators by March 2024	<p>A short-term Climate Change and Sustainable Development working group was established to map and align the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) priorities to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The first stage of this work has been completed and reported to the CPP Board on 7 June 2023.</p> <p>A toolkit has been developed and the next stage is to train Thematic Group Leads, a workshop will be held on the 31st January 2024.</p>	Green

Influence change through improving the understanding of Sustainable Development and the Climate Emergency across South Lanarkshire

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Mainstream sustainability and climate literacy learning and development across the Council	Review the learning and development options we currently deliver to identify where sustainability and climate literacy could feature by September 2023.	We will continue to review opportunities for embedding climate change and sustainability into existing training with learning and development teams. As of September 2023, the Sustainability Team have delivered training on Sustainability Leadership to participants on the Management Development Programme and have overseen delivery of the Climate Literacy programme to 81 officers and managers and 44 Elected Members.	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Develop a climate emergency training package for all employees including a learn online module by September 2023	KSB Climate Literacy E-learning module is now available to staff on Learn on Line.	Complete
	Deliver climate literacy training to elected members by September 2023.	30 Elected Members attended a workshop with KSB in January 2023. KSB climate literacy training was available to all Elected Members and was delivered in summer 2023. 14 Elected Members attended the climate literacy training, with 6 going on to complete the assessment and receive Climate Literacy accreditation.	Complete
Develop and implement a robust communications plan for promoting and raising awareness of the vision, themes and priorities of the sustainable development and	Work with the council's corporate communications team to develop a 2023-24 communications plan, by April 2023. This will include the promotion of key campaigns throughout the year, for example, Climate Week	At the Corporate Management Team meeting on 26 January 2023, it was agreed that climate change would be added to the list of permanent communications campaigns for the Council. In June 2023 a corporate Campaign Lead was identified, and the Climate Change and Sustainability (CCS) Team are working with the Campaign Lead to develop a Communications Plan. Whilst the Plan has not been developed, communications and campaigns have continued throughout the year.	Amber

People

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
climate change strategy	Implement the agreed communications plan and prepare articles, including case studies, to communicate success stories and achievements and inspire further positive action	Regular articles and good news stories have been prepared and shared across council media including 17 Sustainable Development Goals community case studies for the Community Planning Partnership website. A dedicated Sustainable Development Goals section has been embedded in the Community Planning Website, this features 17 case studies relating to each of the SDGs highlighting some of the community-led climate action work happening across South Lanarkshire. Localising the SDGs in this way helps to promote the 17 goals as a guiding visual and theoretical framework, identifying the co-benefits of climate action and wider community priorities; for example, a clothes swap shops which supports a circular economy also helps to destigmatising the use of pre-loved clothes and help tackle poverty, as highlighted by Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production. Regular news articles and good news stories have been prepared and shared across council social media in order to raise awareness, inspire and influence positive behaviour change.	Green
	Redesign the new Council website and intranet to ensure sustainability and climate change information is easily accessed	The redesign of the Council website, intranet and galaxy sites is being reviewed as part of the 2024/25 service planning process. Once a decision is agreed on the way forward, sustainable web design will be considered as part of this process.	Amber
Further embed sustainable development and climate change into the council's decision-making process	Develop and pilot a sustainable development decision-making tool to be applied to proposed projects and initiatives presented to the Corporate Management Team and Committee for approval by the March 2024	This is ongoing. Sustainability Impact Assessments have been developed for revenue and capital projects currently and will be trialled in early 2024.	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Deliver town centre visioning at a local level	Complete town centre visioning study by end June 2023 and present final visioning strategy to Community and Enterprise Resources Committee in November 2023	Work complete and appropriate reporting in conjunction with masterplan work being considered.	Green
Empower learners to shape and influence action on climate change and sustainability through the youth forum	Continue to support the Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability to ensure Young People's voices are represented on appropriate council matters relating to this subject area	The youth forum meets every four weeks and has embarked on projects such as a COS2 event, teach the teacher programme, a recycling pilot in two high schools, development of the Jump app, and surveys to share best practice as well as attending council committees to update on the voice of the young person.	Green
Improve carbon footprint of all school communities	Introduce an app to all secondary schools to monitor and improve behaviours linked to climate change and sustainability.	We are currently developing the Jump app along with the Youth Forum to address all areas of climate change and sustainability. We will undertake a pilot of the Jump app within schools, beginning in February 2024, with progress being reported at Q4.	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Embed sustainability in the curriculum across all Education establishments	Develop resources and peer learning programmes for all schools. Utilise national resources, such as HGIOS module on sustainability, within all schools by January 2024	<p>The 'How good is our school' module on sustainability is aligned closely to the Resource Plan priority on 'empowering learners to shape and influence actions on climate change and sustainability'.</p> <p>The Primary Science, STEM, and Sustainability Development Officer, provides continuous assistance to teachers and schools in relation to Learning for Sustainability. This involves offering guidance on integrating sustainability principles into learning and establishing meaningful connections with the curriculum. Gillian disseminates widely shared monthly newsletters containing national updates on Learning for Sustainability, featuring resources from organisations such as Scotdec and Wosdec. On 18th January, both primary and secondary head teachers will be given an update from Gillian Reilly, wherein she will provide revised guidance on the recently launched Learning for Sustainability Action Plan, officially introduced in December 2023.</p>	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Work with our communities to provide programmes and opportunities to increase sustainability awareness and action	Provide access to adult learning opportunities which raise awareness on climate change	<p>A range of projects have been developed and delivered to support adult learners engage with climate change and sustainable practices. Such projects include the Adult Learning Teams Eco Box Project, a 6-week programme supporting learners to consider eco-friendly approaches within the house and also as a cost saving exercise to address cost of living challenges. Participants are provided with a box of resources and recipe cards to make a range of home-made, unharmed to the environment, cleaning products from household items. In addition to this, they have researched and developed knowledge about energy saving, and eco friendly tips such as drying laundry in higher parts of the house where the house is naturally warmer, capturing rainwater to use in the garden, monitoring energy use and switching off lights and turning heating down in rooms that are not used as often. This work is supporting learners to consider and act upon their impact on the environment as well as supporting them access wider services offered.</p> <p>In East Kilbride at Universal Connections, the Nowhere to Grow? is providing a space for adult learners to build raised planters from pallets, grow flowers and vegetables, providing a community vegetable garden providing food for themselves and for others.</p> <p>These and other projects are helping adult learners to participate in activities that are helping them to understand the changes needed in daily life to lessen their carbon footprint and live in a more sustainable way.</p>	Green

People

Influence change through improving the understanding of Sustainable Development and the Climate Emergency across South Lanarkshire

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Promote the Environmental and Sustainability Learning Programmes and Awards delivered across the authority	Learners are supported to access awards such as the John Muir Award as well as increase understanding of environmental issues, through participating in outdoor learning opportunities delivered through the Youth, Family and Community Learning (YFCL) Awards Team and the network of Universal Connections facilities and YFCL projects. This work is underpinned by the South Lanarkshire Youth Strategy as well as the Learning for Sustainability Action Plan that has recently been launched. Using the Young Scot Web Portal, we are currently working with the SLC Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability as well as Facility Services to promote activity and opportunities for young people to engage in, both within their schools and wider communities. Such activity includes the use of an app to log sustainability activity that is to be piloted, and also the promotion of school meals and the involvement of young people in menu development and promotion, taking account of both the environment and sustainability. Members of the SLC Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability, along with members of South Lanarkshire Youth Council and Scottish Youth Parliament, recently held a development session with the Community Planning Board to discuss their ideas and developments, as well as to inform the board of wider challenges faced by young people and ways in which they can work together to progress sustainability.	Green

Place and Communities

Improve affordable, sustainable, and accessible transport options

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Encourage active travel by extending our network of walking and cycle routes	Continue the design and implementation of various cycle routes in towns and villages throughout South Lanarkshire and consult key stakeholders throughout the project stages.	<p>We completed a public engagement exercise to shape our designs for Phase 1.4 of the East Kilbride Cycle Network. This section of network consists of completing the cycle route along West Mains Road connecting Churchill Avenue with EK Train Station. The construction of this infrastructure is programmed for 2024-25.</p> <p>A public engagement exercise was also undertaken for an active travel route from Uddingston to Bothwell. Phase 1 of the construction of this route is due to be completed this financial year.</p> <p>We have also developed Active Travel Plans for the Clydesdale area which have identified priority routes for the introduction of future active travel infrastructure.</p>	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Deliver walking and cycling projects / schemes in line with agreed 2023-24 capital programme	<p>A number of cycling and walking projects are progressing: -</p> <p>1) Active Travel Studies – A number of further studies have been completed for towns such as Blackwood, Kirkmuirhill, Abington, Crawford, Carnwath, Forth and Biggar. These are currently being reviewed and once approved these will complete studies for all areas of South Lanarkshire and will be uploaded onto the Council's website. The priorities identified in these studies will be reviewed as part of the development of the new Local Transport Strategy.</p> <p>2) East Kilbride Cycle Network – The next phase of the development of a segregated cycle network with enhanced pedestrian facilities in East Kilbride has commenced on Churchill Avenue. This will link West Mains Road to Cornwall Street and towards the trunk road network on the A726. This work is 90% complete and it is anticipated that works will be completed in November.</p> <p>3) Carstairs to Carluke – Works which include surfacing upgrades, shared cycle /pedestrian crossing points of the A706 and A70, signing, road markings and other associated works are 80% complete and transfer of land ownership to allow for the final section to be constructed is programmed.</p> <p>4) Cycle Parking Provision in Town Centres – Locations for new shelters have been identified with associated consultation and works programmed for later this year.</p> <p>5) Cycle Shelters and parking stands in schools – Locations for new shelters have been identified and funding has been awarded by Sustrans.</p> <p>6) Cycle Route designs continue being taken forward in various</p>	Green

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		locations such as Carstairs, Hamilton, Uddingston and Bothwell.	
Deliver new and improved low carbon vehicle charging infrastructure	Install and renew charging infrastructure points which are available for use by the public within South Lanarkshire	The installation of 13 dual outlet 7kW charge points within on-street residential areas is now complete and all charge points are now available for public use.	Green
	Continue project design development and implementation and attract private investment within South Lanarkshire	We have developed an EV infrastructure Expansion Plan and Strategy which has identified the future requirement for charging infrastructure within SLC. This project was done in partnership with Glasgow City Region and we are now investigating the most appropriate financial model to allow for the rapid expansion of the network.	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Progress towards decarbonising the fleet of South Lanarkshire Council vehicles	Implement the Fleet Strategy (2020-2025) Action Plan including a reduction in transport related emissions, conversion of fossil fuelled small fleet to full electric and the trialling of new fuel option for the medium to heavy fleet.	<p>The Fleet Asset Management Plan 2022-23 has been completed. It has been copied to Housing and Technical Resources for inclusion in the Corporate Asset Management Plan.</p> <p>The Fleet Asset Management Plan provides an update in relation to progress against the actions contained in the Fleet Strategy (2020-25). It is recognised that the two years lost to the Covid-19 pandemic have impacted the extent of progress that might have otherwise been made.</p>	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Encourage greater use of public transport by working with partners to improve public transport infrastructure	Deliver prioritised improvements to bus and rail infrastructure (e.g., park and ride) in line with available external funding for 2023-24	<p>A number of projects are being taken forward as outlined below: -</p> <p>Bus Infrastructure Improvements: This project consists of enhancing bus stop provision on the Stonelaw Road corridor and will see the provision of high access kerbs/enhanced road markings. Works are now substantially complete and due to be fully complete by the end of November.</p> <p>Lanark Interchange Improvements: This project consists of two sections: - Section 1 – Park and Ride. Works associated with the main construction elements of the second phase of the car park are complete with the landscaping planned for the autumn planting season. A total of 64 spaces are now available including two electric bays and eight disabled bays located adjacent to the rail and bus interchange. Section 2 – Bus Station. The design of new bus station layout is complete. Discussions are ongoing with Network Rail to progress the land acquisition/transfer. A Planning Application was submitted in quarter two for the works to upgrade the bus station area. Tender documents are currently being prepared.</p> <p>Hairmyres Station Park and Ride: This project consists of the design and submission of a planning application for proposed Park and Ride facilities associated with the East Kilbride Rail Enhancement project. The package of works associated with the Park and Ride includes new active travel connections, bus stop and bus layover provision and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Pre-planning application notice has been submitted and public engagement exercises are complete. It is anticipated that a planning application will be submitted later this year to allow relevant consents to be in place. Programming discussions</p>	Green

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		with Network Rail and Transport Scotland are ongoing with an alignment of the different elements of the wider project a focus at this time.	
	Work with partners to encourage and highlight the benefits of public transport usage and transport integration	We continue to work with SPT and public transport operators to encourage the use of public transport. Lanark Park & Ride facility opened this year and was funded by SPT and we are progressing with the planning application for Hairmyres Park and Ride Site which has received funding from SPT and Transport Scotland. Real time information has also been installed at a number of bus stop locations in Rutherglen.	Green
Ensure climate change, access to services and active travel forms part of the design of new residential developments through the revised Residential Design Guide	Develop interim framework for consultation with stakeholders, with final framework prepared by end of June 2023	Engagement with selected colleagues and third party groups are ongoing. The ongoing engagement is benefitting the content quality of the guide.	Amber
	Present finalised document to Planning Committee for approval by December 2023	The guide is nearing completion however further work is ongoing and draft is now due to be presented to the Planning Committee in June 2024. The additional time taken has improved the guide by allowing content changes to take place, including the use of inclusive language and plain english.	Amber
Utilise ultra-low carbon vehicles or public transport for Education related travel	Consider a staged approach to changing the school transport specification to prioritise low carbon vehicles over price.	The capacity of low carbon vehicles within the transport contractors is not sufficient to make any changes at this time but we will continue to pursue this strategy going forward. The current transport sector providing home to school transport has very few low carbon vehicles that can provide services to SLC currently but we will continue to liaise with SPT and contractors on this issue.	Report Later

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	Liaise with SPT and improve our internal procurement framework to procure and provide ultra-low carbon vehicles.	The capacity of low carbon vehicles within the transport contractors is not sufficient to make any changes at this time but we will continue to pursue this strategy going forward.	Report Later
Consider sustainable travel within the council's employee travel plan	Review the current employee travel plan during FY 2023-24 to encourage employees to adopt sustainable travel choices	Personnel are currently devising a workplan for 24-25 it will be finalised in the new year. The employee travel plan will be incorporated into the work plan.	Green
Continue to achieve Cycle Friendly Employer status	Ensure that current cycle friendly status facilities are retained	South Lanarkshire Council continues to achieve Cycle Friendly Employer status.	Green

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Reduce South Lanarkshire Council's carbon footprint	Prepare a route map for reducing the council's direct and indirect carbon emissions. Agree milestones and targets for both direct and indirect emissions reductions	Feasibility studies are currently being carried out by energy consultants to inform how and when the council can meet emissions reduction targets. The studies are progressing, and once complete, a routemap will be prepared. This will require an associated financial strategy, as many of the actions that will be required cannot be met within current budgets.	Green
Reduce South Lanarkshire Council's carbon footprint for indirect emissions not currently measured	Agree the scope of indirect emissions not currently measured and prepare a route map for reducing.	A Climate Intelligence Service (CIS) is being jointly funded by Scottish Government and local government to help councils to deliver their own net zero targets and for the development of area-wide programmes of emissions reduction. The CIS is in the initial stages with user groups being set up with local authorities to establish the key requirements of the service. This service will provide a joint approach to councils meeting Scotland's national commitment to net zero by 2045. Participation in the user groups will help to inform the Council's approach to agreeing the scope of indirect emissions.	Green

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Support towns to transition to net zero	Complete Town Centre net zero study by end June 2023 and present finding to Community and Enterprise Resources Committee in November 2023.	Report complete and looking at how and when to report, linking to masterplan work.	Amber
Explore funding and finance models for net-zero and climate adaptation projects	Establish an internal process that will support Services to maximise funding options and secure match funding for projects	A report on Scottish Government funding opportunities has been circulated round the Climate Change and Sustainability Steering Group. Managers have been advised that the External Funding Team provide support on funding applications for all Resources.	Green
Continue to administer and monitor the Climate Emergency Fund	Ensure project delivery and outcomes achieved by March 2024. Report on progress and impact of the funding to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee	<p>The fund has been fully committed to posts, internal projects and community grants over the three year period and all projects are progressing.</p> <p>A mid-term report on the progress and impact of the Climate Emergency Fund was presented at the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in November 2022. This report highlighted the progress made and impact of the fund so far, how the fund has been allocated and the projects that are underway. A full-term report on the Climate Emergency Fund will be presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee after March 2024.</p>	Green
Ensure environmental sustainability considerations are considered within capital plan	Review proposed capital programme and assess sustainability impacts	The Capital programme for 2024/2025 is being presented to members later this financial year. The sustainability impact assessment will be carried out in advance of seeking project approval.	Report Later
	Establish a climate impact assessment process for the capital programme and projects by end June 2023	The sustainability impact assessment approach for the annual revenue budget was approved by members at the Climate Change Committee in September 2023 and is being used for this year's annual Revenue Budget and Savings exercise. These completed assessments will be reported to members before they are asked to approve the Budget.	Green

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Ensure environmental sustainability considerations are considered within budget strategies	Carry out an environmental impact assessment on the annual revenue budget	The work on the annual Revenue Budget and Savings is ongoing and will be reported to members before they are asked to approved the Budget.	Green

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Provide a summary on a place-based approach to climate action across South Lanarkshire	Prepare a report for the Community Planning Partnership summarising the various local placed based climate actions and ensure local placed based action is being incorporated into other actions	<p>A report on community place-based climate action is being prepared for the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Committee held in February 2024. Following this, the same report will be taken to the CPP board.</p> <p>The Sustainable Communities Engagement Officer continues to build relationships and work alongside communities, colleagues and external partners to help support and encourage climate action at community level. This includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub- supporting the mapping of the new community network, helping to identify potential projects and acting as the SLC point of contact for the network. 2) ONECAN Carluke Community Climate Conference – supporting role in planning and delivery of the event and continued input to the community’s strategic climate action planning and implementation. 3) Attending various community open days and events to promote awareness of climate action at community level. 4) Supporting community networking, learning exchanges and climate grant applications and project support. 5) Being the SLC point of contact for community groups and organisations. 	Green

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	Promote and encourage community engagement for community led neighbourhood planning	<p>The Sustainable Communities Engagement Officer continues to work in conjunction with the Community Engagement Team within neighbourhood planning areas.</p> <p>Examples of work in this area include: attending neighbourhood planning meetings and events with community members and other stakeholders to highlight the co-benefits of climate action in relation to identified community priorities. Furthermore, it also includes supporting specific projects, such as Burnhill Action Group's renewable energy in community building programme, and building connections between groups and organisations to support knowledge and resource sharing.</p>	Green

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Manage flooding priorities and deliver prioritised flood protection schemes.	Deliver prioritised flood protection projects / studies in line with available capital and revenue funding for 2023-24	<p>The River Clyde Flood Modelling and Mapping Project is now complete, developing an improved understanding of the flood risk and mechanisms within the study area. Flood maps have been produced to replace the existing River Clyde Flood Risk Management Strategy (RCFRMS) maps. The model will be used to assess the impacts of a range of fluvial events and climate scenarios on existing and future developments along the non-tidal stretch of the river as part of the planning process. It will also inform the development of a number of flood studies for communities along the River Clyde.</p> <p>Work completed February 2023 to produce a surface water management plan for East Kilbride. Building on the outputs from Scottish Water's Integrated Catchment Study, locations were identified in East Kilbride at risk of flooding. Innovative solutions were developed for future programmes of work.</p> <p>Lamington Flood Study: In response to widespread flooding issues associated with the 30 December 2022 flood event, a consultant was appointed to undertake hydraulic modelling and scheme optioneering in Lamington. This work commenced early 2023 and the final reports received in June 2023. The recommended actions are being progressed by the landowner. In addition, improvements to the existing surface water drainage arrangements are being progressed during Winter 2023-24.</p> <p>Programme of Culvert Maintenance: This is an ongoing programme of works to improve our network of culvert inlets and their surrounding areas improving the performance of assets and the safety of operatives. Works have been identified and these include the repair/replacement of culvert inlet trash screens and the construction of suitable access paths, steps, fencing and handrails. These works are being prepared to go out to tender under the new Framework</p>	Green

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		Contract going live in October 2023.	
Improve resilience of the road network through routine maintenance	Review current road maintenance practices to improve climate change resilience through the use of alternative methods, materials and design standards	The service regularly considers alternative maintenance techniques in conjunction with industry best practice to help improve our carbon footprint and climate change resilience. The use of alternative techniques is subject to the scrutiny of our engineering teams where consideration is given to engineering merit, operational delivery, future maintenance, and whole life cost. The service regularly collaborates with SCOTS and the Scottish Roads Research Board to drive innovation within this area.	Green
Develop online services for citizens reducing need for travel	Continue to develop online services as part of the council's Digital Strategy	The SLC website currently has 175 online forms that citizens can use to request council services.	Green
	Maximise the number of council services which can be provided online via the council website	The SLC website currently has 175 online forms that citizens can use to request council services.	Green
Utilise innovative and new information technologies for environmental benefits	Develop business cases for demonstrator Internet of Things (IoT) projects	Project currently on hold, further updates will be provided by IT in due course.	Report Later
	Continue the migration to Oracle Cloud Fusion system to support agile working, employee self-service and engagement	Migration to Oracle Fusion is on track to go live in April 2024. Communications have begun to inform officers of the key functionality the solution will offer.	Green
	Explore sustainable web design to reduce the council website's carbon footprint	This will be further explored as part of future web site redesign which will be reviewed as part of the 2024/25 service planning process. Our ongoing focus seeks to ensure that we minimise our carbon footprint through the reuse of code and the use of compressed images to reduce server load.	Report Later

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Implementation of revised Building Regulations in relation to energy performance in new buildings and the adaptation of existing buildings.	Undertake awareness sessions for surveyors and internal/external stakeholders on the application of revisions to building regulations related to energy standards, including guidance for surveyors where required	Two surveyors attended an energy performance certificated course and Local Authority Building Standards Scotland (LABSS) have produced an online toolkit which officers can access. In addition, peer learning is a regular item at team meetings. Awareness training was given to the Council's design team and advice has been provided on individual affordable housing schemes. Officers will be briefed/training will be provided considering the new 2024 standards when they are updated by the Scottish Government, these updates are due in April 2024 and early 2025.	Green
Assess council housing stock in order to meet the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH2) by 2032	Analyse housing stock by property type and current EPC /RdSAP rating to identify properties that will be unable to attain EPC Band B by 2032	To be reported at quarter four year end.	Report Later
Promote and provide assistance to owner occupiers and private landlords to improve energy efficiency, reduce fuel poverty and assist in the decarbonisation of homes	Work with local energy advice and support organisations to understand the prevalence of fuel poverty in owner occupied and private rented properties. Support targeted interventions for owner occupiers /private landlords which could help to reduce fuel poverty in these areas.	To be reported at quarter four year end.	Report Later

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Develop a Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) and delivery plan for South Lanarkshire	Prepare LHEES and delivery plan for South Lanarkshire by end of 2023 by working with colleagues across council Resources and registered social landlord partners	Council officers are working with the environmental consultant, Changeworks, on the development of the Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy and Delivery Plan. A draft LHEES will be prepared by the end of December 2023. Between January and March 2024, we will carry out internal and external stakeholder consultation before presenting a final version of the strategy and delivery plan to the Executive Committee.	Green
Support Registered Social Landlord partners to improve the energy efficiency of their housing stock and meet EESSH2	Use the RSL forum to engage with Registered Social Landlord partners with council wide Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Schemes	The new Social Housing Net Zero Standard (SHNZS) (replacing EESSH2) and the Heat in Buildings Regulations have recently been issued by Scottish Government for consultation. We are reviewing the latest proposals and will respond to the two consultations by March 2024. Our work with the RSLs will therefore be around compliance with the new standard which is not likely to be in place until 2025.	Report Later
Review new build home specifications to meet the national low or zero emissions heat requirements	The implications for future design enhancements will be assessed and specifications updated as required	The New Build Heat Standard will be implemented in 2024. From April 2024, changes to building regulations will mean new homes and buildings will not be allowed to use direct emission (or polluting) heating systems like oil and gas boilers. All our new build properties will have to meet this new standard.	Report Later
Review specification and standards for new build non-domestic buildings for maximum energy efficiency	Set up a joint working group to review and update current specifications and standards to ensure maximum energy efficiency and consideration to embodied carbon. Briefing sessions will be arranged with Council Resource representatives who are looking to construct new non-domestic properties or extensions to existing buildings	A joint working group has been set up and a number of meetings have taken place to date. A further update will be provided on this item at year end. We are reviewing the latest Scottish Government proposals for the new build non-domestic sector as per the consultation 'Delivering Net Zero for Scotland's Buildings'. We will be submitting a response to this consultation in due course.	Green
Assess the council's non-domestic buildings and develop a detailed action plan on how it will	Commission feasibility studies to assess what types of intervention will be required and what types of replacement heating systems may be viable	Final feasibility reports were received in December 2023 for four primary schools and three wet leisure facilities. These reports are currently being reviewed to inform future capital projects.	Green

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meet the national target of being heated by zero carbon heat sources by 2038.	Assess the financial implications to both upfront Capital and ongoing Revenue costs of the interventions	To be reported at quarter four year end.	Report Later
Support the delivery of Climate Ready Clyde's (CRC) Adaptation Strategy	Continue as an active member of the CRC Local Authority Forum participating in city-region wide workshops and events, creating connections and opportunities for development/co-sharing of knowledge and training by 2024	South Lanarkshire Council continues to be an active member of CRC which meets quarterly. This is the Local Authority Forum for Collaborative Climate Adaptation Action across Glasgow City Region. The Forum allows Local Authorities to work together to build capacity to support adaptation action and look for opportunities to deliver integrated and collaborative adaptation.	Green
	Contribute to the development and implementation of local actions that contribute to the wider Glasgow City Region's (GCR) Adaptation Strategy, where appropriate, working across Council Resources	SLC continues to be an active member of Climate Ready Clyde and contributes to raising awareness internally of the GCR Adaptation Strategy.	Green
Benchmark the Council against Adaptation Scotland's Adaptation Capability Framework	Set up an adaptation working group by summer 2023	Instead of creating an adaptation working group, a new Climate Change and Sustainable Development Officer's Group has been proposed. As part of this new group, adaptation initiatives and actions will be a key part of the group's responsibilities.	Green
	Undertake a capability assessment to understand the Council's current status and to identify gaps and areas for improvement by March 2024	The new Climate Change and Sustainability Officer Group will undertake the capability assessment in early 2024.	Green
Work collaboratively with Clyde Gateway Urban Regeneration Company (URC) on district heating	Complete technical studies, obtain statutory consents and implement enabling infrastructure on site to influence and enable the delivery of a district heating and cooling system at Shawfield Phase 1	Work continues with colleagues in Clyde Gateway and further updates will be brought in due course.	Green

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Empower communities to take climate action and be more environmentally sustainable

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Continue to administer and monitor the Climate Emergency Community grant fund	Allocate £75,000 to projects over financial year 2023/24. Provide support to groups to apply and implement their sustainability projects. Monitor grants to ensure projects are progressing.	The £75,000 for the Climate Emergency Community Grants 2023-24 has been fully allocated to groups and projects are being progressed.	Green
Develop and deliver a Public Engagement plan	Develop a public engagement plan for climate change and sustainability which supplements the council's existing community engagement activity, and supports the communities own priorities and aspirations, for approval by the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in May 2024	An outline structure for the proposed Plan has been drafted and an initial meeting was held with the Council's Community Engagement Manager. Further meetings are scheduled every four weeks. The draft Plan is due to be presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in May 2024.	Amber
	Celebrate success by developing an annual report to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee to highlight sustainable development and climate change activity in action within our communities, by February 2024	'Celebrating Success – Sustainability and Climate Change Activity in Action' report is being presented to Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in February 2024.	Green
Increase food growing provision throughout South Lanarkshire	Provide an opportunity for more people to grow food through the provision of land for food growing, the promotion of sustainable practices and supporting third sector organisations involved in food growing	Chatelherault allotment site opened in Summer 2023 with an increase of 64 plot holders. Further updates will be provided following the food growing survey which is scheduled for 2024.	Green
Support the remediation of vacant and derelict land that promotes social and environmental benefits	Support Clyde Gateway Urban Regeneration Company in a further phase of greening and environmental improvement works at Cuningar Loop and in further remediation works in the next phase at Shawfield Phase 3.	Currently working in partnership with CGURC to develop proposals for Cuningar Phase 3 and integrating proposals with Cuningar Allotments project. Shawfield remediation work continues with SLC attending project board meetings and ongoing financial support via the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund.	Green
Include environmental considerations within the delivery of the council's Community Wealth Building Strategy	Improve the environmental outcomes from procurement including support for the transition to net zero	To be reported at quarter 4 to tie in with the Community Wealth Building Strategy Updates.	Report Later
	Work with our own services, public and private sector partners to identify the skills they need to grow and create wealth in the local economy, including skills needed for the transition to a net-zero economy	To be reported at quarter 4 to tie in with the Community Wealth Building Strategy Updates.	Report Later

Natural Environment (Planet)

Improve the availability and access to quality local outdoor spaces and services

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Ensure national planning policy set out in National Planning Framework 4 in relation to climate change, biodiversity and sustainable travel is embedded in decision making process for planning applications and the preparation of the South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 3.	Collation of appropriate information and data to inform the Evidence Report required as new first stage of LDP preparation by March 2024.	<p>Work has started on the first stage of the LDP3 process which involves the preparation of an Evidence Report through the gathering of qualitative and quantitative data. In the meantime a programme of awareness training for officers involved in determining planning applications will commence in in early 2024 and delivered throughout the year.</p> <p>It is anticipated the Evidence Report will be presented to the Full Council for approval in late 2024. Thereafter it will be submitted to Scottish Ministers for a Gatecheck. Once approval has been given work will start on preparation of the Proposed Plan. It is currently anticipated the plan will be adopted by the end of 2027.</p>	Green
Prepare an Open Space Strategy in partnership with Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership and other council services.	Appoint a consultant to analyse the council's open space audit results, develop standards on open space provision and engage with local communities and other stakeholders	A consultant was appointed in August 2023 to carry out this work. It is anticipated a draft report will be submitted in quarter one 2024-25.	Green
	Draft Open Space strategy to be presented to the Planning Committee by March 2024.	Consultants have been appointed and initial data gathering has commenced. The Open Space Strategy development timescales are currently under review in order to link in with other Local Development Plan preparation and engagement timescales which will be conducted towards the later half of 2024.	Amber

Natural Environment (Planet)

Enhance, protect, and respect the outdoors and the natural and historic environment.

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Make South Lanarkshire a cleaner place to live, work and visit free of litter, fly-tipping and dog waste	Encourage awareness, behaviour change and personal responsibility, through communication with internal and external stakeholders. Work with individual client groups to tackle local issues such as fly tipping.	<p>The Litter Strategy Steering group was established with a range of colleagues from various resources, and the meetings take place every two months.</p> <p>Through the Litter Strategy Action Plan we have identified actions with our internal and external stakeholders, with Education, Engagement and Enforcement as the three themes. We are working with a range of SLC departments, the Youth Forum, community groups/councils, businesses and individuals.</p> <p>A communication campaign will be launched soon on our website and social media to encourage awareness and behaviour change regarding these issues.</p>	Complete
	Prepare an annual progress report for the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in September 2023 demonstrating the impact of the Litter Strategy (2022-2027)	The annual progress report for the Litter Strategy was presented to committee on 20 September 2023.	Complete

Conserve, restore and improve biodiversity, and use nature-based solutions in tackling the climate crisis

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Review council use of herbicide with a view to reduce the amount used	Continue to look at alternative methods to control weeds. Carry out further trials during 2023-24 and report on progress to Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in February 2024	We have continued to use alternative means of applying herbicide throughout the authority as well as reviewing those areas where we apply, a report will be provided for the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Committee in due course.	Green

Natural Environment (Planet)

Conserve, restore and improve biodiversity, and use nature-based solutions in tackling the climate crisis

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Measure tree canopy and increase tree planting across South Lanarkshire	Continue to measure and plot all trees to build an accurate picture of the council's position on canopy cover	Easy-to-use records of existing trees and woodlands on all South Lanarkshire Council's owned or controlled land have been developed to build up an accurate picture of the nature, condition, and resilience of the valued council assets. We will progress the valuation of individual recorded trees using natural capital accounting tools to start both the valuing of the tree population as public assets and for the quantifying of their ecosystem services e.g. carbon storage, pollutant removal or stormwater runoff avoidance and interception.	Green
	Identify suitable council owned land that can be utilised for additional tree planting. Work with all external and internal stakeholders including community groups to seek additional funding for tree planting.	The Council has signed the Clyde Climate Forest Concordat committing to actively participate in, and promote, the realisation of Clyde Climate Forest (CCF) targets; increase the average tree canopy cover to 20%, increase the average broadleaf network 20% and increase forest and woodland cover in Glasgow City Region to 20% by 2032 (totalling 18 million trees planted across the region over the next decade as a response to the Climate and Ecological Emergencies).	Green
Increase Biodiversity and invest in peatlands across South Lanarkshire	Develop a new Biodiversity Implementation Plan for (2024-2027) for approval by Climate Change and Sustainability Committee by March 2024.	The Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan BDIP (2024-2026) and Biodiversity Strategy (2024-2030) are due to be presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in February 2024.	Green
	Participate in Clyde Peatlands to bring about a step change in the scale and rate of peatland restoration across the City Region	A peatland officer has been appointed via Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network, we are working with them and have identified a cluster of peatlands to the south of East Kilbride. The officer is working with the landowners regarding conservation work.	Green
Implement new technologies and more sustainable cleaning materials within council facilities	Pilot the use of 'Aquateck' cleaning solution in key facilities and evaluate during 2023/24	Aquateck rolled out successfully in HQ, Cambuslang Gate, David Dale, Brandongate and South Vennel. Next roll out is to pilot in 17 High Schools.	Green

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Take action to allow South Lanarkshire to become a zero-waste society

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Support a circular economy by re-using, recycling and generating energy from the waste we manage	Undertake a review of the waste service during 2023-24 that will determine most efficient refuse collection patterns and incorporate the impact of the Deposit Return Scheme	The Waste Review is ongoing and is on target for completion within the agreed timescales. Phase 1 household waste recycling sites (HWRC) is complete and the new contract for the management and operation of HWRCs is currently being evaluated. In terms of the other Phases (Infrastructure and Kerbside Collection Services), several key pieces of work have already been completed including a Waste Compositional Analysis. It should be noted that the future of the Deposit Return Scheme is uncertain in terms of both implementation date and scope but the current date for implementation is October 2025 meaning this aspect of the review will be postponed until 2024-25.	Green

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Review of recycling bins at flatted properties in South Lanarkshire	Review existing arrangements at flats during 2023/24 and work with Corporate Communications to produce communications campaign.	<p>Work continues on this project, which is on target for completion by 31 March 2025.</p> <p>The project consists of reviewing the existing recycling collection services provided at flatted properties, i.e. blue recycling bins containing mixed dry recyclate and redesignating the bins to accept paper & card materials only.</p> <p>The current mixed dry recyclate contents of the bins are habitually contaminated with non-target material, so much so that the materials are unsuitable for recycling and therefore have to be disposed of as general waste.</p> <p>The redesignation of the bins to accept paper & card only shall hopefully deter the levels of contamination and produce a level of material capable of being recycled and also provides Waste Services with an opportunity to engage with householders regarding recycling the waste they produce.</p>	Green
Reduce the instances of avoidable food waste	Identify the share of householders using the council's food waste collection service during 2023 and consider extending the food waste collection service	<p>A participation survey was undertaken by Waste Services early last year which reported that circa. 30% of households provided with food waste containers regularly participated in the collection service.</p> <p>This project has been completed and there are no further updates this reporting period.</p>	Complete
Manage and monitor food waste in schools	Implement a pilot project in schools to reduce level of food waste from the dining rooms during 2023/24.	Rolled out to three groups of schools and currently evaluating.	Green

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Deliver training online where possible and develop the digital skills of South Lanarkshire Council employees	Review existing training delivery models identifying options for further transition to online delivery	Existing training reviewed and confirmed the delivery models are appropriate for the content and participants. New training that is developed seeks to use online delivery models where possible.	Complete
Ensure environmentally sustainable training options are delivered by external training providers	Work with external training providers to identify environmentally sustainable delivery options	Work with external training providers ongoing.	Green

Enable a fair transition to a green economy leaving no one behind

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Deliver the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to help ensure a just transition to net zero	Progress delivery of the new UK Shared Prosperity Fund, initiatives that support the council, communities, and businesses transition to net zero.	Three areas have commenced. 1.) Community environmental grants awarded. 2.) Carbon reporting for SMEs has commenced via Strathclyde University and GCR 3.) Survey of SLC business property and reporting on potential feasibility on energy efficiency investment ongoing.	Green
Increase the number of young people obtaining the skills to access green and circular economy employment	Provide senior phase vocational learning opportunities that prepare young people for the green economy	The GradU8 programme provides a range of introductory vocational skills which can provide a pathway to green jobs including in construction trades. South Lanarkshire College and New College Lanarkshire include sustainability as a key element of course delivery across all the GradU8 subjects.	Green

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	Use outdoor learning and environmental volunteering opportunities to develop young people's employability skills	The youth employability team has procured supported volunteering opportunities including through Clydesdale Community Initiative and will work with VASLAN to award Shared Prosperity Fund small grants to provide further opportunities.	Green
Engage with employers and key stakeholders to provide workforce up-skilling and re-skilling for a green and circular economy	Procure a demand led Green Jobs programme to deliver on fair work for local people	Early discussions have taken place with Banks Renewables to develop a skills academy for young people progressing to renewables sector employment opportunities and it is planned that this is progressed in 2024/25.	Green
	Provide local businesses with up-skilling and reskilling opportunities to meet the needs of the transition to a green and circular economy	Early discussions have taken place with Banks Renewables to develop a skills academy for young people progressing to renewables sector employment opportunities and it is planned that this is progressed in 2024/25.	Green
Consider climate change impacts within the council's workforce planning	Consider as part of Resource workforce planning process the impact of climate change and the need for new or additional skills or knowledge	This will be incorporated into the workforce planning process. The workforce planning cycle is every 3 years and we are currently in the middle of a cycle. Any changes regarding climate impact will be considered when plans are reviewed.	Green

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Lead the transition to a circular economy and improve resource efficiency through responsible consumption and production, and buying and selling of local goods and services

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Review the scope and scoring of sustainability requirements in procurement contracts	Rollout of new tender scoring approach for Sustainable Procurement Duty and awareness for Resources through the Procurement Network to improve environmental outcomes and transition to net-zero emissions for appropriate procurements by June 2023	The new tender scoring approach has been circulated to Procurement Network and is in use for all regulated procurements. These changes have embedded sustainability considerations in all regulated procurements, which means that all future procurements should have improved outcomes in respect of sustainability, either through specification or technical questions. Procurement and Sustainability are currently supporting Resources to ensure that they use this new structure to improve sustainable outcomes in contracts.	Green
Progress the Procurement Flexible Framework Sustainability action plan	Use the Scottish Procurement's Sustainable Procurement Framework to self-assess progress in embedding sustainability outcomes to improve the consideration of climate change in procurement activity and outcomes in appropriate procurement	Sustainable Procurement Flexible Framework updated at 30 September 2023, noting progress in sustainability scoring.	Green

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Provide procurement support to council services within contract specification development	Identify regulated contracts with sustainability impacts through the 2023/24 service planning exercise with a view to improve climate change outcomes, with appropriate input from Sustainability Team and Resources	Priority contracts for full sustainability test include Care at Home Services, Household Waste Recycling Centres and Passenger Transport Services.	Green
Assess the capacity of the local food and drink sector to supply food and drink to the council	Examine the results and recommendations of the Market Capacity Assessment in 2023 with a view to increase procurement of local food and drink	<p>Outcomes of the market capacity assessment were presented at the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 20 September 2023 as well as the next steps (i.e. action plan). Actions include continuing engagement with businesses identified; exploring the possibility to use the Quick Quote process to increase the supply of local food and drink in specific South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture venues; identifying and analysing practices developed in other comparable local authorities; delivering the business accelerator programme “Eat South Lanarkshire”; supporting discussion with food and drink network Lanarkshire Larder; and promoting sub-contracting opportunities.</p> <p>An update on progress in implementing these actions and recommendations will be reported through the Food Strategy Action Plan Q2 and Q4 updates (due to be presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 28 Feb and 15th May respectively).</p>	Green

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Promote the use of local and seasonal food and drink produce to residents and visitors	Promote local products through campaigns and events and across business sectors	Lanarkshire Larder has received funding from Scotland Food & Drink, South Lanarkshire Council and North Lanarkshire Council to fund a co-ordinator's role to drive its activities. The network also received funding from the Government's Regional Food Fund to help with their branding; funding from Visit Scotland's Destination; and Sector Marketing Fund to create food trails across Lanarkshire and to organise a recipe competition using ingredients from the Lanarkshire larder involving schools, local businesses and chefs. Lanarkshire Larder also liaised with New College Lanarkshire to encourage increased use of Lanarkshire produce. The Council's Economic Development team worked with South Lanarkshire College to encourage them to use more South Lanarkshire products.	Green
Introduce the Deposit Return Scheme in line with national guidance	Undertake a pilot of Reverse Vending Machine in one high school to investigate the integration with cashless school catering system	Pilot conducted in St Andrews and Brides High School. Further pilots put on hold as Return Deposit Scheme has been delayed.	Complete
	Consider options for schools in line with the Scottish Government programme	No date has been agreed by the Scottish Government for the extension of Universal Free School meals for primary 6 & 7. Data Collection exercise has been completed and submitted to Scottish Government in September 2023, awaiting update and funding	Green
Reduction on single use plastic items	Continue to review use of all single use items and consider and evaluate sustainable alternatives	Single use plastic items have been removed from the Alliance eCatalogue and are no longer available to order. Work will continue in raising awareness of need to reduce the use of all single use items.	Green

Support South Lanarkshire's businesses in the transition to a net-zero economy and helping to ensure they are climate resilient

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Promote the support that is available to businesses for good	Publicise internal and external funding opportunities for businesses for carbon reduction and improved energy performance	Promotion of opportunities across a range of business support areas continues through internal business support and sustainability teams, Social Enterprise and Business Gateway.	Green

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sustainability outcomes	Update website, share information with partners and prepare and implement marketing plan	Discussions are ongoing with PR on the delivery of web based and social media material promoting a range of Economic development areas of activity.	Green
Encourage and influence sustainable property improvements in business premises	Commission a consultant to update the review of East Kilbride industrial properties to understand which properties meet environmental standards and to improve energy performance	Consultants Ryden have completed the review and identified areas where improvements are required.	Complete