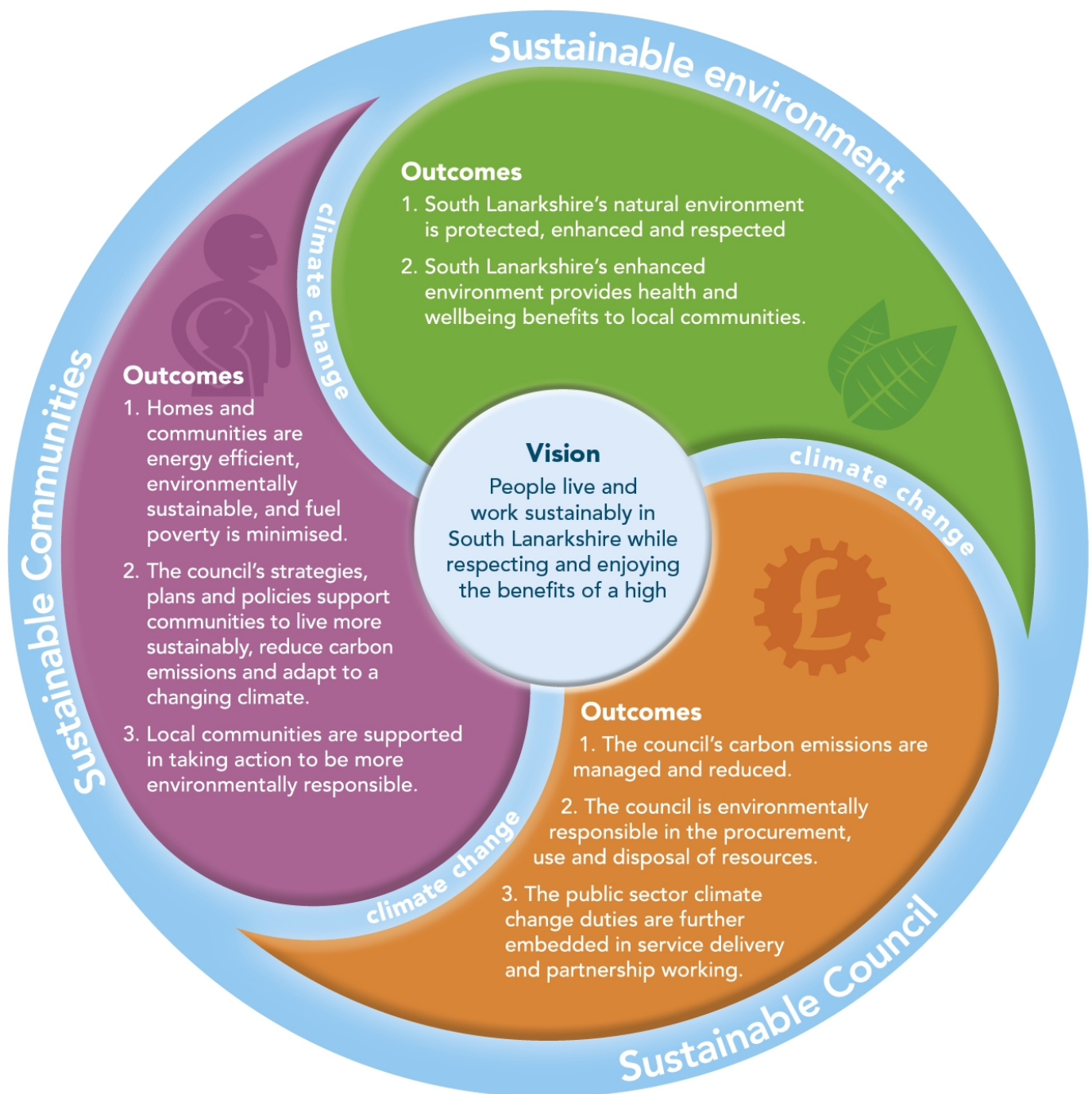


Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022

Performance Report Quarter 4 : 2022/23 - April to March






























Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022: Vision, Themes and Strategic



Sustainable Development Goals

The United Nations has set a series of [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs). These are 'global goals' and targets that are part of an internationally agreed performance framework. All countries are aiming to achieve these goals by 2030. They address the global challenges, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

Scotland has adopted the SDGs and the public sector has a role in contributing to the goals. Each of the Strategy's themes contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals at a local level. The summary below outlines which SDGs each strategy theme contributes to:

Theme	Goal	Sustainable Development Goals
Sustainable Council	South Lanarkshire Council is a leading example in environmental performance across South Lanarkshire and that sustainable development principles and tackling climate change, in response to the climate emergency, underpins all council activities, decisions and actions	      
Sustainable Environment	South Lanarkshire's high-quality natural environment and public spaces provides essential services and shared benefits for people and wildlife	     
Sustainable Communities	South Lanarkshire Council's activities, decisions and actions enable communities, businesses and individuals to live, work and enjoy South Lanarkshire in a more sustainable and environmentally friendly way, help build resilience to the impacts of climate change and a just transition to a net-zero society	             



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
Sustainable Council	1			6	7
Sustainable Environment	2			1	3
Sustainable Communities	5	2	2	9	18
Total	8	2	2	16	28

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

Council Priority/ Theme	Complete	Green	Amber	Red	Report later	Total
Sustainable Council	3	9	2			14
Sustainable Environment	3	9	6		1	19
Sustainable Communities	2	11	1			14
Total	8	29	9	0	1	47

Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy - Section 1: Quantitative 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.

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Council

The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Reduction in the council's greenhouse gas emissions achieved by March 2023 (buildings, waste, street lighting, transport)	The results for financial year 2022-23 will be reported later in 2023 and will be included in the quarter two update for 2023-24. The council's carbon emissions for financial year 2021-22 reduced by 17% compared with baseline year 2019-20. This is partly due to the continued service disruption throughout the year due to Covid, reductions in national carbon conversion factors and reduced amounts of household waste going to landfill.	Report Later	5.0%	-----	44.0%	19.0%	17.0%
Percentage of non-domestic buildings that are heated through low/zero carbon technologies	There is a strategic energy review underway, and this will address how we are going to achieve the 70% target by 2032. Work continues on three feasibility studies (Primary school heating and fabric upgrades, Primary school solar PV feasibility, Zero emissions upgrades to wet leisure properties) the results of which will inform decisions on the technical options and costs associated with the decarbonisation of the property estate.	Report Later	70.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Percentage of the Council's cars and light vehicles that are ultra-low emission vehicles	The Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan 2018–2032, published in February 2018, sets a target to phase out the need for all petrol and diesel cars and car derived vans from the public sector fleet by 2025. South Lanarkshire Council is on target to replace our entire fleet of diesel/petrol cars and car derived vans with fully electric vehicles by 2025. Over the past two years we have made steady progress towards this with some 30% of the car and car derived van fleet (202 of 670) now fully electric.	Green	-----	30.0%	0.0%	24.0%	28.0%

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

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Continued reduction in the procurement of single-use plastic items across the Council compared to the baseline year of 2018-19	This data, detailing the reductions for targeted single use items such as cutlery, cups, straws and food containers, is measured once per year. The 2022-23 data will be reported later in 2023.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	-----	57.0%

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Council

The Public Sector Climate Change Duties are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Carbon emissions in tonnage for South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority. (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	Annual data is published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure (1,071) relates to carbon emissions for 2020. Data for the South Lanarkshire area in 2020 shows a reduction of 10% from 2019. Data for 2021 will be included in the quarter two update for 2023-24.	Contextual	-----	-----	1,289.3	1,263.2	1,071.0
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 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Data (10.3%) is for calendar year 2020. The 2021 data will be reported in the quarter two update for 2023-24.	Contextual	-----	-----	3.7%	2.2%	10.3%
Per capita: emission within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	Annual data is published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Data (3.30) is for calendar year 2020. Data for the South Lanarkshire area in 2020 shows a reduction of 10% from 2019 and demonstrates 18% less than the Scottish average. The 2021 data will be reported in the quarter two update for 2023-24.	Contextual	-----	-----	4.10	4.00	3.30

Sustainable Environment

South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced, and respected

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Percentage of streets found to be acceptable during LEAMS survey	The LEAMS survey has now been replaced by the Litter Monitoring System (LMS). This is a statutory requirement and involves external validation by Keep Scotland Beautiful. In 2021-22, South Lanarkshire Council continued to score higher for its street cleansing service 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. The LMS results for 2022-23 will be reported as part of the LGBF framework in early 2024.	Report Later	94.1%	-----	94.8%	94.1%	92.1%

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Environment

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

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Numbers participating in Get Walking Lanarkshire health walks programme	Between 1 April 2022 and 31 December 2022, Get Walking Lanarkshire provided 14 active weekly walks and 2 one-off walks in South Lanarkshire. A total of 369 walks were delivered reaching on average 92 walkers per week. This equates to more than 3,000 walker days. The walks were led by 41 volunteer walk leaders.	Green	1,000	3,000	-----	-----	4,786
Number of Environmental Volunteering days	The numbers achieved in the Environmental Volunteering Programme have exceeded the set target.	Green	2,000	5,212	8,221	2,380	4,168

Sustainable Communities

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

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
% of Council stock meeting the SHQS	The changes to the Fire Tolerable standard have continued to impact on the SHQS. In relation to the reporting requirements for Fire Tolerable Standards and Fixed Electrical Testing, a robust programme of work is in place to address these issues, including the appropriate use of forced entry.	Red	90.9%	80.0%	93.2%	93.5%	72.3%
% of council dwellings that are Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing 2 (EESH2)	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 2040.	Report Later	-----	-----	93.39%	93.88%	98.64%
Housing carbon emissions in tonnage for South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	Annual data published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Data (490.4) published in June 2022 is for calendar year 2020. Data for the South Lanarkshire area in 2020 shows a reduction of 5% from 2019.	Contextual	-----	-----	536.9	535.2	490.4

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Communities

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

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Percentage reduction on housing area-wide emissions compared to previous year: emissions within the scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	Annual data is published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure (5%) relates to carbon emissions for 2020. The 2021 data will be reported in the quarter two update for 2023-24.	Contextual	-----	-----	6.5%	0.3%	4.5%
Fuel poverty percentage in South Lanarkshire	Estimates relating to local authority area fuel poverty rates are compiled from the national Scottish Household Condition Survey which was last conducted in 2019. At that time 22% of households in South Lanarkshire were estimated to be in fuel poverty, however with the significant energy price increases observed over the past 12 months this figure is expected to substantially increase. The 2021 survey findings are due for release in 2023, however the information will not be directly comparable with previous years due to the limited survey carried out via telephone/video.	Report Later	-----	-----	20.0%	22.0%	22.0%

That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Percentage of total household waste that is recycled in 2022 (reported per calendar year)	The measure is reported per calendar year, and so the figure for quarter four covers the period October - December 2022. The Household Recycling Rate for this period was 37.75%. The figure for the full year (2022) was 41.2%. This remains below the target of 50%. The new bulky waste contract is ongoing, having commenced on 1 April 2022, and continues to increase the quantities of bulky waste being recycled. The service has also now recruited additional Waste Education Officers to rollout the new service change for flatted properties to improve the recycling rates. The majority of the material at the flatted properties tends to be too badly contaminated to recycle and therefore is landfilled as residual waste.	Red	50.00%	41.20%	46.40%	40.50%	41.50%
Percentage of material accepted by the council's paper and card processor (reported per calendar year)	This figure is reported per calendar year. The figure for quarter four (October - December 2022) was 93.54%. This equates to 96.42% for the year, which is slightly below the target of 97%.	Amber	97.0%	96.4%	97.0%	94.1%	97.1%

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Communities

That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Percentage of household waste recycled at the council's household waste and recycling centres (reported per calendar year)	The figure for quarter four has decreased slightly to 57.7%, as has the year to date figure at 59.78%. This is primarily due to large volumes of non-recyclable waste continuing to be brought into the sites by members of the public, thus reducing the recycling performance.	Amber	64.5%	59.8%	64.5%	63.3%	59.3%
Percentage of household waste sent to landfill in 2022 (reported per calendar year)	This measure is reported per calendar year, and so the figure provided for quarter four relates to the period October - December 2022. During this period, 2.07% of Household Waste was sent to landfill. The overall figure for 2022 is 1.84%, which is below (better than) the target of 10%.	Green	10.0%	1.8%	-----	9.7%	8.7%
Number of properties prone to flooding in South Lanarkshire	The SEPA National Flood Risk Assessment in 2011, which provided us with a total number of properties at risk of flooding within South Lanarkshire was updated in 2018. The original 2011 NFRA used centrally located GIS points to identify properties, whereas 2018 NFRA used building outlines which meant many more properties were now included in the at-risk numbers as flood water predicted within the footprint of a building was being more accurately recorded.	Contextual	-----	8,500	0	8,500	8,500

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Communities

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Percentage of adults travelling to work by active or public transport (Scottish Household Survey)	<p>There were 24% of adults 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 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 Scottish Household Survey)</p>	Green	21.0%	24.0%	-----	21.0%	24.0%
Percentage mode share of children travelling to school by active or public transport (annual national 'Hands Up' survey)	<p>There were 59.9% of children travelling to school by active or public transport during 2022 (excluding nursery). 37.3% walked, 3% cycled, 2.6% by scooter/skate and 17% by bus.</p> <p>This is a slight increase of 0.1% when compared to 2021 data which was 59%. (40.4% walked, 2.9% cycled, 2.3% by scooter/skate and 13.4% by bus).</p> <p>Nationally in 2022 and 2021 these figures were 65.2% and 64.8% showing a 0.4% increase.</p> <p>(Figures taken from Sustrans annual 'Hands Up' Scotland Survey)</p>	Green	59.8%	59.9%	0.0%	59.8%	59.0%
Number of charging infrastructure points available to the public within South Lanarkshire	<p>Works associated with the six dual chargers in Mill Street, East Kilbride are complete with these now operational. In addition, the works to install 12 dual on-street chargers are also complete and the commissioning process is scheduled for completion in the coming weeks. These will all be operational by mid September.</p>	Green	-----	139	42	43	133

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Communities

That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Carbon emissions tonnage for transport emissions in South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	Annual data published by Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Data (278.7) is for calendar year 2020. The 2021 data will be included in the quarter two update for 2023-24.	Contextual	-----	-----	367.2	346.9	278.7
Percentage reduction in carbon emissions from transport compared to previous year: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	Annual data published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Data (20%) is for calendar year 2020. The 2021 data will be included in the quarter two update for 2023-24.	Contextual	-----	-----	0.9%	5.5%	20.0%
Carbon emission tonnage for industry in South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	Annual data published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Data (133.4) is for calendar year 2020. Data for the South Lanarkshire area in 2020 shows a reduction of 7% from 2019. The 2021 data will be included in the quarter two update for 2023-24.	Contextual	-----	-----	333.1	328.4	214.1
Percentage reduction in carbon emissions from industry in South Lanarkshire compared to previous year: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	Annual data published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Data (11.4%) is for calendar year 2020. The 2021 data will be included in the quarter two update for 2023-24.	Contextual	-----	-----	1.3%	1.4%	11.4%

Local communities are supported in taking action to be more environmentally responsible

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Encourage schools to achieve eco school status	35 South Lanarkshire Council establishments currently hold green flag awards with 10 schools awaiting certification. The Eco initiative was promoted at the COS1 event with Keep Scotland Beautiful in attendance and work is ongoing to continue to promote uptake and participation. Best practice with regards Eco Schools was also shared at the Locality meetings in April 2023.	Green	40	35	-----	-----	-----

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.

Sustainable Council

The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Continue to implement energy efficiency measures across council facilities including investment in renewable energy solutions and low/ zero-carbon heating where funding allows	Details of projects delivered as part of the CEEF programme during 2022/23	The majority of the projects on the programme have now been delivered. However, the PV panel installations at Calderwood and High Blantyre Primary Schools will be completed in 2023/24.	Amber
Continue to implement energy efficiency measures across council facilities including investment in renewable energy solutions and low/ zero-carbon heating where funding allows	Prepare a strategic approach for the transition of non-domestic buildings to low/ zero carbon heating	Work continues on three feasibility studies (Primary school heating and fabric upgrades, Primary school solar PV feasibility, Zero emissions upgrades to wet leisure properties). The final reports will help inform the strategic approach for the transition of non-domestic buildings to zero carbon heat.	Green
Create the conditions for the decarbonisation of the council's fleet	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	The Fleet Asset Management plan is complete and provides an update in relation to progress against the actions contained in the Fleet Strategy (2020 - 2025). It is recognised that the 2 years lost to the Covid pandemic have impacted the extent of progress that might have otherwise been made.	Green

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Improve the environmental outcomes from procurement	Review the scope and scoring of sustainability requirements in contracts to maximise environmental benefits during 2022-23	A revised approach to sustainability scoring has been agreed: this will ensure a higher weighting for sustainability in tenders, including Fair Work First, Community Benefits and climate sustainability.	Complete

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Council

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
including support for the transition to net zero	Implement the Flexible Framework Sustainability action plan to further embed good procurement practice during 2022-23	The Flexible Framework continues to be updated on a 6 monthly basis to direct Sustainable Procurement priorities.	Green
Promote the 'reduce, reuse and recycle' principle across the Council to make better use of materials and create less damage to the environment	Initiatives implemented during 2022-23 to reduce, reuse, and recycle more within Council workplaces	Food waste action week and Plastic Free July was promoted with employees via intranet and email and also with local residents via the Council's social media platforms. Love Food Hate Waste seasonal recipes were also shared with employees via intranet articles. Plans are underway within council catering establishments to introduce reusable cups for hot drinks via a cup deposit scheme.	Green
	Involvement in national campaigns promoting the circular economy during 2022-23	The plastics ban and Plastic Free July campaign was promoted with council employees via the intranet and global emails. Warmer Homes Scotland campaign, Earth Hour 2023 and Reusable Nappy Week was also supported with employees and local residents via social media channels.	Green

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Lead by example and influence area-wide climate change and sustainability action	Finalise the new Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy (2022-2027) for approval alongside the new Council Plan in June 2022	The new Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy (2022-27) has been finalised and was approved at Full Council in June 2022. It was also noted at the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in August 2022.	Complete
	Implement year one of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy (2022-2027) Action Plan, and report progress at quarter two and quarter four to Climate Change and Sustainability Committee	The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Interim Action Plan (2022-23) has been implemented throughout the year. Progress at quarter two was reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in February 2023. The quarter four progress report will be reported to the same Committee in September 2023.	Green

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Council

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Prepare an area-wide emissions reduction route map for South Lanarkshire by March 2023	External consultants, Aether, carried out a study of area wide emissions within the South Lanarkshire area. Internal and external workshops were held and the final report detailing recommendations for area wide emissions reduction was received in December 2022. A report proposing the next steps in area wide emissions was reported at the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in June 2023.	Green
Deliver the £2m Climate Emergency Fund by March 2024	Report on progress and impact of the funding to date to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in March 2023	A mid-term report on the progress and impact of the Climate Emergency Fund was presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in November 2022. Further updates will be provided at subsequent committees.	Green
Continue a collaborative approach to climate adaptation and resilience through the city region's Climate Ready Clyde Partnership	The Council's contribution to implementing year 2 of Climate Ready Clyde's Adaptation Strategy Action Plan	The Sustainable Development Officer continues to attend the quarterly meetings of the Climate Ready Clyde Local Authority Forum. The focus of the Forum is on sharing tools, guidance and experience on adaptation approaches, climate impacts on operations, and engaging and equipping the member organisations to adapt. The council also has in place a number of strategies which contribute to climate adaptation, including the Local Development Plan, the Biodiversity Strategy and the Local Transport Strategy.	Green

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Council

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Continue to raise awareness of climate adaptation and resilience across the Council, build internal capacity, accelerating adaptation action, and encourage dialogue on climate adaptation and resilience with communities	Undertake Adaptation Scotland's Capability Framework to understand the Council's capability level and areas for improvement	<p>The Council are part of the Adaptation Scotland Benchmarking working group which meets regularly to discuss key issues and share best practice amongst peers.</p> <p>An officer working group will be established later this year to undertake the Adaptation Capability Assessment, to identify where the Council is on its adaptation journey. The council will use the tool to identify areas for improvement and continue to use the framework to further embed climate adaptation across the Council.</p>	Amber
Ensure Strategic Environmental Assessment of all appropriate policies, plans, programmes and strategies is undertaken	Produce annual SEA report for Executive Committee, and other governance groups, which includes an assessment of the impact the SEA process has had on the preparation of the plans, policies and strategies, and the difference it had on the final documents	The annual report on SEA progress was approved by the Executive Committee on 29 June 2022. It noted that ten Council led plans had been subject to SEA consideration during 2021-22. This action is now complete for this year.	Complete

Sustainable Environment

South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced, and respected

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Work in partnership to reduce land and air pollution within South Lanarkshire, minimising the impacts on human health and the natural environmental	Progress the development of a formal Litter Strategy that identifies a range of options and timescales to promote the new Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse, with particular emphasis on prevention	The Litter Strategy was approved in August 2022 by the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee. We are now progressing with implementing the strategy and action plan.	Complete
Work in partnership to reduce land and air pollution within South Lanarkshire, minimising the impacts on human health and the natural environmental	Implement grant funded air quality measures during 2022-23 to support the Air Quality Action Plan	<p>Detailed monitoring of air quality in the Blantyre area has been completed and this has confirmed that no exceedance of air quality objectives at locations with receptors have been identified. As a result the council will not be proceeding to declare an air quality management area for Blantyre.</p> <p>A detailed review of air quality in the Lanark area has been completed and this has supported proceeding to revocation of the air quality management area. Works on revocation will commence over this next quarter.</p> <p>Applications for air quality management funding, action planning funding as well as vehicle emissions / engine idling grant funding have been made to Scottish Government. The results of the funding applications will be reported at the end of the next quarter.</p>	Green

Sustainable Environment

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Implement Contaminated Land Strategy for South Lanarkshire	Some land areas within South Lanarkshire are affected by historical industrial legacy contamination. Examples include developments such as the Clyde Gateway regeneration as well as re-development of the Philips factory and also the former Motorola site. To ensure sites with contamination issues are identified and addressed, the Environmental Health service work with planning colleagues and developers to review site investigations, remediation proposals as well as final verification of remediation works. Other contaminated land strategy projects include reviewing vacant and derelict land sites, particularly old landfills, with a view to bringing sites into suitable and more beneficial use.	Green
	Implement projects approved within the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund framework for 2022-23	Clyde Gateway Cuningar Phase 2 project completed and VDLF funding drawn down. Site investigations for SLC Allotments project at Phase 3 site to be completed. Clyde Gateway project to upgrade access road and car park underway.	Green
Prepare an Open Space Strategy in partnership with Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership and other council services. Strategy will contain standards on access to and quality of open spaces	Report on draft Open Space Strategy to Planning Committee in March 2023	This has been delayed due to the associated regulations and guidance not having been published by the Scottish Government. An audit of open space in South Lanarkshire has been completed. The procurement of a consultant to carry out the next stages is underway.	Amber
Protect, enhance and respect South	Prepare ash dieback disease action plan by September 2022	Work is still ongoing with the Ash Dieback action plan. The majority of work is now complete, however the final plan still needs to be collated.	Amber

Sustainable Environment

South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced, and respected

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Lanarkshire's natural environment	Develop new Canopy Cover strategy for approval by Climate Change and Sustainability Committee during 2022-23	Development work is continuing on the Canopy Strategy. The Climate Change and Sustainability Committee approved adoption of the Clyde Climate Forest Concordat in November 2022 which commits SLC to partnership working across the region with SLC chairing the Canopy Working Group.	Amber
	Develop new Local Nature Reserve sites using additional Nature Reserve Fund (NRF) monies	In April 2022, SLC designated a total of 17 LNRs, with 16 new sites adding to the existing one at Langlands Moss. Now covering 610 hectares in total (previously 20 hectares), the LNRs encompass a broad spectrum of habitats including ancient woodland, open water, wetlands, peatland and grasslands.	Complete
	Ensure all grounds / planting works identified for Nature Restoration Funds are completed during 2022-23	This work was completed in 2022-23. The majority of the groundwork was completed by seasonal grounds employees, to keep work in house and be cost effective. The initial focus of the program was on pollinators, whose decline has been well documented in the media. Building on previous work on council land over the last few years, of improving grassland and other habitats. The grounds staff have worked within our Local Nature Reserves, Country Parks, and the National Nature Reserve: creating and improving wildflower areas, small access repairs, planting trees and removal of invasive and non-native species.	Complete

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Implement the outcomes of the alternative weedkiller investigations as agreed by Climate Change and Sustainability Committee.	Final report was presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 8 February 2023. The Grounds Team have been informed of the outcomes and have been advised to ensure that all areas of review with regards to application of chemical is maintained. Alternative methods to be rolled out this year include additional mankurlances, review of dilution rates, investment in both large mechanical footpath brushers and tractors and smaller pedestrian wire brush machines.	Green
	Ensure compliance with biodiversity via the Biodiversity Implementation Plan (2018-2022) and develop a new Biodiversity Implementation Plan for (2023-2027) for approval by Climate Change and Sustainability Committee by March 2023	A new Biodiversity Officer commenced in post on 23 January 2023. Consequently, the Biodiversity Strategy and the Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan preparation and committee approval will now be delayed until March 2024.	Amber
Take action to address and discourage fly tipping	Work with landowners / private properties to agree preventative action, and work with Housing Services to install CCTV cameras in 'hotspot' areas in line with the 2022 investment proposal	Works were completed in three hotspot areas, working with internal stakeholders, including housing, to identify known problem areas.	Green

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Contribute to community health and wellbeing through active lifestyles and well managed and accessible greenspace	Retain Green Flag accreditation at Strathaven Park, Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park, through implementation of agreed action plans for 2022-23	Green flag status was successfully retained for Cambuslang, Castlebank and Strathaven Park. Strathaven Park also achieved top ten in peoples choice once again. All staff are aware of and have been working on the action plans for the retention of green flag status for the coming year 2023-24.	Green

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	Participate in the Shaping Places for Wellbeing programme in partnership with Community Planning which has Rutherglen as a pilot study area	The Planning Service is a member of the steering group that meets on a monthly basis. Places and wellbeing assessments have been carried out on the existing LDP2 and Burnhill neighbourhood plan, and a range of data has been collected and analysed.	Report Later
	Undertake sample case studies to determine impacts – including % of volunteers expressing positive experience/ health benefits	2022/3 has been the most successful year so far, with volunteer days exceeding 5000 for the first time. Case study sampling still to take place. Early discussions with VASLAN re promoting opportunities, improving procedures and volunteer experience and evaluation.	Amber
In partnership with local communities, continue programme of restructuring council owned woodland	Continue to explore funding opportunities for phase 2 regeneration work at Greenhall and Millheugh, Blantyre including costed proposals for replacement river crossing	Work is still ongoing with this project. Further discussions on location have taken place. A tender is being prepared for detailed bridge design and cost estimate.	Green
	Consult on Management Plans for Bothwell and Blantyre Woods with community interests, David Livingstone Centre and other stakeholders	A draft Management Plan for Bothwell Woods was developed by consultants in 2019 . Although some initial discussions took place with David Livingstone Trust, delays due to Covid-19 restrictions and lockdowns prevented planned public meetings and exhibitions. Consequently, the service will seek to update the plan to take account of the increasing need to address the ash-dieback issues, together with revising the budget estimates, before embarking on the wider public consultation. Funding currently being sought for updating the management plan.	Amber

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Encourage active travel by implementing Outdoor Access Strategy and extending Clyde Walkway	Delivery of repairs programme to footbridges across the core path network by March 2023 in line with available external and internal capital funding (The Core Paths Plan)	Ongoing works including significant repair or complete replacement of some structures along parts of the Clyde Walkway, on some Local Nature Reserves and Country Parks. There remains outstanding work required on several large-scale structures that are beyond the scope of the small repairs programme. These will require specialist structural engineers for restoration or design/build new structures, and these will require to be addressed through capital programme funds.	Green
	Develop plan for linking The Clyde Walkway to 'Scotland's Great Trails' long-distance strategic access network	A Levelling Up Fund bid to extend the Clyde Walkway while also connecting communities (Clydesdale Way) was submitted. This bid was unsuccessful. The intention is now to pursue these proposals as and when possible, subject to funding and collaboration with other overlapping projects.	Green

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Improve energy efficiency of housing stock to help address fuel poverty	Deliver investment projects to increase energy efficiency of housing stock during 2022/23	<p>As reported to the council's Executive Committee as part of the Capital Programme Monitoring reports throughout 2022/23, the Housing Investment Programme has been subject to delays due to a variety of reasons which includes staff resources being diverted from energy efficiency works to tackle urgent repairs stemming from the extreme weather in December 2022.</p> <p>The council has been working throughout 2022/23 to prepare for the launch of the next phase of the Energy Company Obligation scheme (ECO4). This scheme is funded from energy companies and administered nationally by Ofgem aiming to provide a pathway for households that are fuel poor or on low incomes and vulnerable to the effects of cold, to access financial assistance to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. Preparatory work is now complete and the scheme is scheduled to be launched.</p> <p>In relation to the second phase of the Energy Efficiency Standards for Social Housing (ESSH2), the Scottish Government are currently reviewing the standards and the council await further detail prior to commencing performance reporting against new or revised measures.</p>	Amber

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Development and implement the Council's next Local Housing Strategy (LHS) contributing to the delivery of the Council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change priorities	Undertake public consultation on the draft LHS and seek approval from Executive Committee by November 2022	The Local Housing Strategy 2022-27 was approved by Executive Committee on 30th November 2022.	Complete
Continue the development of a Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy for South Lanarkshire	Establish a Cross Resource Working group with relevant Services across the Council and agree a Terms of Reference for the group.	A cross resource LHEES working group has been established. Changeworks have been appointed to assist in the preparation of the Strategy document and initial Delivery Plan.	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Provide an effective and efficient household waste and recycling collection service	Review recycling arrangements at flatted properties to improve the quantity and quality of waste collected, including redesignating blue 'co-mingled' recycling bins (paper, card and cardboard only), and carrying out awareness raising initiatives to highlight the issues with contamination in recycling bins	The service have recruited 2 temporary Waste Education Officers, as per the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee report from 4 October 2022. The new officers will rollout the new service change (redesignating recycling bins) for flatted properties to improve the recycling rates.	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 2022-23	<p>River Clyde Flood Modelling and Mapping Project: Work is underway to develop a new hydraulic river model for the River Clyde, produce updated flood maps, and establish current and future flood risk within our area. The cyber-attack experienced by SEPA has severely impacted their ability to review the project's Hydrology and Hydraulics Reports, which has led to delays in this project. Although other project deliverables were brought forward in an attempt to minimise the delay to the programme, the original completion date of May 2021 slipped to December 2021. However, some additional modelling work was required which extended the completion date again into Summer 2022. This project is now complete and deliverables are in hand.</p> <p>East Kilbride Surface Water Management Plan: Work is underway to produce a surface water management plan for East Kilbride. Building on the outputs from Scottish Water's Integrated Catchment Study, this project will identify locations within East Kilbride at risk of flooding and develop innovative solutions for implementation in future programmes of work. This project commenced during 2021-22 and was scheduled for completion in Autumn 2022, however the final report required some minor amendments which rescheduled the completion date to February 2023. The outputs for this project are currently being reviewed.</p> <p>Programme of Culvert Maintenance: This is an ongoing programme of works to improve our network of culvert inlets and their surrounding areas in order to improve the performance of our assets and the safety of operatives maintaining these assets. 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. It is anticipated that these works will be undertaken in summer 2023.</p>	Green

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Develop new Local Transport Strategy (2024 – 2034)	Progress the development of an updated Local Transport Strategy	Consultation has concluded on Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's draft Regional Transport Strategy. Responses are being evaluated and it is anticipated that it will be published in due course with associated policies and actions. This will allow the development of a new Local Transport Strategy for South Lanarkshire to be drafted over the coming 16 months. Procurement for appointing a consultant to undertake this body of work is underway and a supplier will be appointed during quarter one 2023-24.	Green

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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 2022-23	<p>A number of projects were 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. Initial works have been undertaken with the main work currently being programmed for later this year.</p> <p>Lanark Interchange Improvements: This project consists of 2 sections: -</p> <p>Section 1 – Park and Ride. Planning permission has been granted for both phases of Park and Ride. Phase 1 has been completed. The removal of the existing building on the site is now complete which will allow for completion of the park and ride.</p> <p>Section 2 – Bus Station. The design of new bus station layout is progressing along with disabled parking provision at train station building. Contact has been made with Network Rail and meetings to progress the land acquisition/transfer are ongoing. Colleagues in Planning have been contacted to discuss whether a Planning Application is required to undertake the works to upgrade the bus station area.</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. Progress towards the submission is being discussed with Network Rail and a programme is currently being</p>	Green

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Encourage active travel by extending our network of cycle routes	Deliver walking and cycling projects / schemes in line with agreed 2022-23 capital programme	<p>A number of cycling and walking projects are progressing and these are listed below: -</p> <p>1) Active Travel Studies – A number of studies have been completed for towns such as Blackwood, Kirkmuirhill, Abington, Crawford, Carnwath, Forth and Biggar. 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 70% complete and it is anticipated that works will be completed before the end of August 2023.</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 75% complete and scheduled for completion this year.</p> <p>4) Cycle Parking Provision in Town Centres – Locations for new shelters were identified in Lesmahagow and Carstairs and works are now complete.</p> <p>5) Cycle Shelters and parking stands in schools – Works have been completed.</p> <p>6) Cycle Route designs continue being taken forward in various locations, Larkhall to Blackwood / Carluke and Law / Hamilton / Lanark / Cambuslang and Newton.</p>	Green

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Provide the opportunities for children and young people to be more involved in local climate change and sustainability action.	Empower the involvement of children and young people in schools and through the Young People's Forum to help shape and influence Council outcomes in the sustainable development and climate change strategy	Continue to work successfully with and support South Lanarkshire Council Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability allowing them to shape their ideas for action across the authority empowering their involvement and roles within the forum.	Green
	Organise a pupil led COP conference involving primary, secondary and ASN schools	The COS 1 schools pilot conference was successfully held across Education schools at Palace Grounds on 11th-13th October with a high level of participation. Schools will now look to undertake a pledge to change their behaviour in working towards more sustainable practice in their school and promoting this in the wider community.	Green
Develop a sustainable food system to overcome social, health, economic and environmental issues related to food	Implement year three of the Good Food Strategy (2020-2025) Action Plan, and report progress at quarter two and quarter four to Climate Change and Sustainability Committee	The year three action plan for the Good Food Strategy (for 2022-2023) was approved by the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in August 2022. The quarter two progress report against the action plan was presented to the same Committee in November 2022, and the quarter four progress report will be presented in September 2023.	Green
Deliver the £0.3m Food Strategy Support Fund by March 2024	Report on progress and impact of the funding to date to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in March 2023	<p>The Food Strategy Support Fund continues to be monitored, with £0.27m committed to projects. A report on the progress and impact of the fund will be presented at a future Committee. This will allow the projects to be implemented and impact assessed.</p> <p>Due to the popularity of the Food Strategy Grants, the full amount was allocated in year one (2022-23), rather than over 2 years as originally intended.</p>	Green

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Deliver an economic development strategy to capitalise on our economic strengths, tackle weaknesses and create a flourishing, green, dynamic, and equitable place for all	Consult on the draft Economic Strategy (2022-2027) during Summer 2022, and present the final Strategy for Committee approval by October 2022	The final community consultation exercise for the development of the strategy was completed in September 2022. Results were collated and the final strategy was approved by the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee in November 2022.	Complete
Work towards compliance with Part 9 of the Community Empowerment Act 2015 in relation to food growing	Continue to identify opportunities to increase food growing provision throughout South Lanarkshire by March 2023 through working in partnership to support the development of community sites/educational activities via a small grant fund and progress new sites in areas of demand where funding has been identified	<p>Formal planning application has been approved for the proposed site at Chatelherault and further design work and investigation is being carried out for the potential site at Springwells in Blantyre. Discussions are ongoing regarding the site at Cuningar Loop, as part of the larger vacant and derelict land development plan, and consideration is being given to whether an allotment site could be included at Lanark Moor as part of overall masterplan for the site.</p> <p>£19,500 grant approval to early years settings and community groups through the council's small food growing grants scheme.</p>	Green