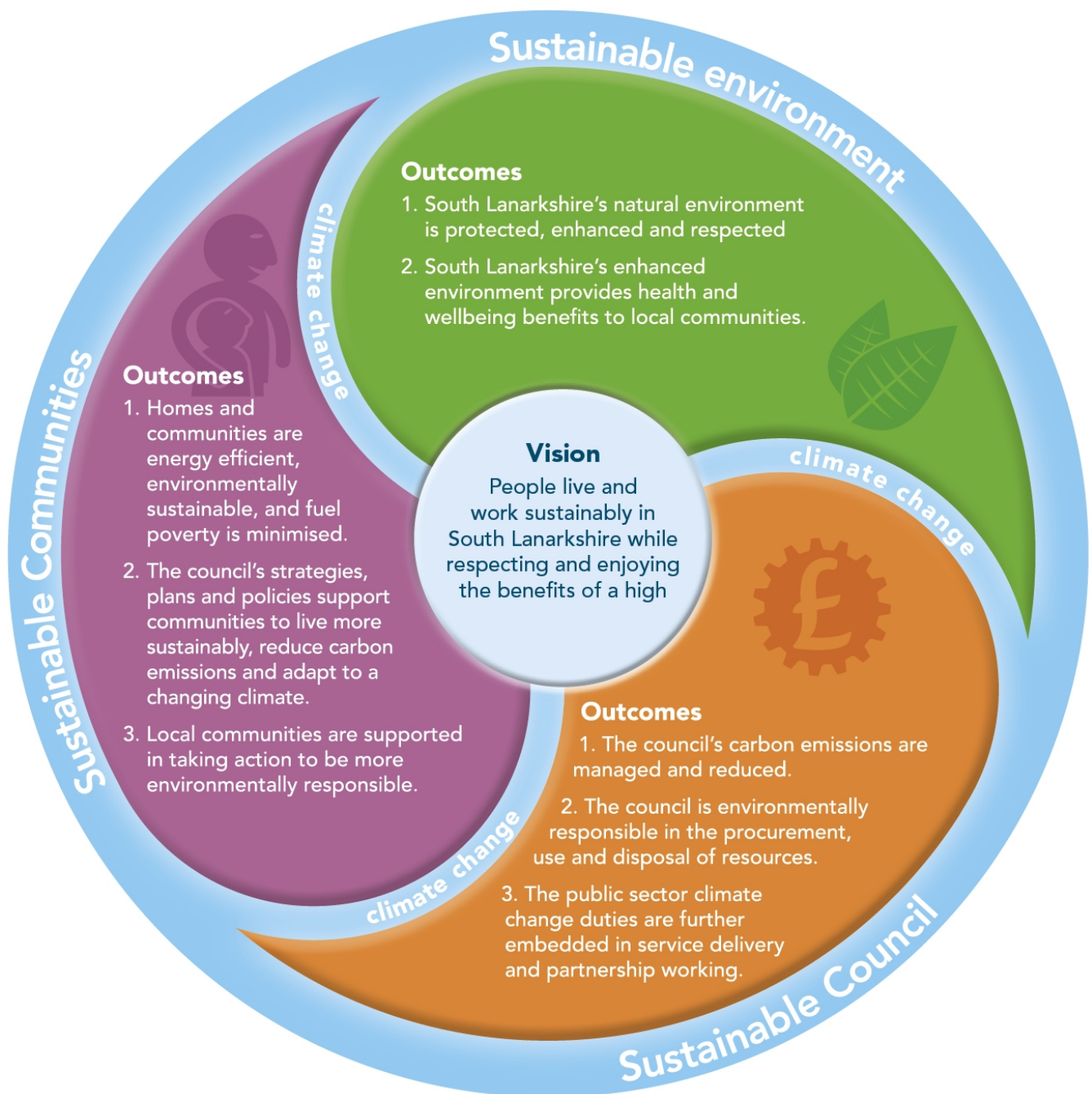


Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022

Performance Report Quarter 4 : 2021/22 - 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	             

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.

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Measure Status – are we on course to achieve? The “traffic light” codes are:

Green	On target or due to achieve with no issues
Amber	There may be problems or minor slippage
Red	Not on course, major slippage anticipated
Blue	Action to achieve change complete

Measures which are to be reported later or which are “for information only” are not colour coded

Overarching Theme

Priority Outcome

Progress update against outcome

Sustainable Environment

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

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	This Year Target	To Date	Last 3 Years
Percentage of streets found to be acceptable during survey (Local Environmental Audit and Management System street cleanliness score)	The LEAMS score for April to July 2020 was 97.1%, this is above the annual target score of 95.5%	Green	95.5%	97.1%	95.5%
The biennial State of the Environment report for South Lanarkshire provides a baseline for identifying local environmental issues and provides an overview	The 2019 edition of the South Lanarkshire State of the Environment Report was approved by the Executive Committee in February 2020. Key findings from the Report show that of the 55 indicators, 24 (43.6%) have a good status, 23 (41.8%) have a fair status and the remaining 8 (14.6%) have a poor status. Work is progressing well to update The State of the Environment Report on the digital learning platform, glow, for use within schools. Work on the 2021 edition will begin in early 2021 and will be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval around March 2022.	Confidential	—	—	0

Sustainable Communities

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Review and update guidance for building standards surveyors in relation to climate change mitigation in new buildings and the adaptation of existing buildings	Complete review and develop service specific actions by March 2021. Awareness sessions to be developed for planning officers and developers/agents to ensure roll out in 2021-22	National consultation on revised energy standards for new buildings expected before the end of 2020, this will form the basis of service specific actions.	Green
Provide advice and support to businesses in the transition to a net-zero economy	Develop an Economic Response, Recover and Renewal Strategy framed around three themes: People, Place and Business whilst creating the right conditions for a low carbon economy	Recovery strategy is being developed with phased implementation-additional resources approved at CER Committee on 15 September. Business Support Grants' budgets increased and eligibility and assessment criteria have been reviewed with three forms of support-Small, Recovery and Growth grants open to applications from 23 September 2020. Preparing to recruit additional business support officers. Preparing marketing/development brief and proposed market testing of Langlands, East Kibride, Strategic Investment site	Green
	Support provided to Smart Sustainable East Kibride (SSEK) in the delivery of their action plan priorities for 2020-21	Some realignment of objectives and resources has taken place with SSEK engagement events able to switch to online virtual delivery via Zoom meetings and resource switched from some physical delivery to Transport Scotland sponsored Near Homes Working innovation project.	Green



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	6			6	12
Sustainable Environment	4			2	6
Sustainable Communities	10		2	6	18
Total	20	0	2	14	36

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	11	15	3	1		30
Sustainable Environment	2	13	4		3	22
Sustainable Communities	2	12	7	1		22
Total	15	40	14	2	3	74

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	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Reduction in the council's greenhouse gas emissions achieved by March 2022, compared to 2020-21 (buildings, fleet, household waste, street lighting, business travel)	Data for 2021-22 will not be available until July 2022, however, interim data for this year is showing reductions, which have largely been affected by Covid safety measures.	Report Later	5.0%	-----	16.7%	44.0%	19.0%
Overall percentage reduction in the Council's carbon footprint since the Council's original baseline of 2005-06	Carbon emissions for 2022-23 will not be known until later in 2022 (August/September). Carbon emissions reduced by 65% in 2020-21 compared with the baseline year 2005-06. The reductions are due to many projects and initiatives implemented throughout the period as well as reductions in nationally produced carbon conversion factors which are influenced by improvements in the national fuel mix. Carbon emissions reduced by 19% in 2020-21 compared with the previous year but this has largely been affected by the Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions that changed Council service provision throughout the year.	Report Later	-----	-----	35.8%	56.9%	65.0%
Overall percentage reduction in the Council's carbon footprint compared to Scotland's national target of 75% reduction by 2030 (based on 1990 levels)	Carbon emissions for the Council are not available as far back as 1990 which is the national baseline year. If the Council was to assume that we could have reduced by an annual average of 1% between 1990 and 2005 when we started to measure carbon emissions the Council could have achieved as much as an 80% reduction from 1990 to 2020-21. The carbon footprint for 2022-23 will not be known until later in 2022 (August/September).	Report Later	-----	-----	47.8%	68.9%	80.0%
Percentage reduction in energy consumption across the Council's estate for 2020-21 compared to 2013-14 baseline year	This information is reported later 2022 (August/September) as utility data is not complete until mid to late June each year.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Council

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
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.	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	<p>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 from the public sector fleet by 2025.</p> <p>South Lanarkshire Council is on target to replace our entire fleet of diesel/petrol cars and small vans with fully electric vehicles by the end of 2024. Over the past two years we have made steady progress towards this with some 28% of the car and small van fleet (202 of 711) now fully electric.</p>	Green	-----	28.0%	0.0%	0.0%	24.0%

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	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage reduction in the procurement of single-use plastic items across the Council compared to the baseline year of 2018-19	A report which was presented to CMT in June 2022 detailed the reductions for the targeted single use items such as cutlery, cups, straws and food containers. All reduced between 2018-19 and 2021-22 by up to 97% but all by at least 57%. Increases in single use PPE due to Covid-19 was also reported. However, efforts to remove all unnecessary single use items across the council will continue.	Green	-----	57.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-----
Reduce embodied carbon from construction (new builds and refurbishment)	We are setting our current baseline information in order to measure improvement in future designs.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Self-evaluation results using Climate Change Assessment Tool	Self-evaluation was carried out in June 2021 as part of the development of the sustainable development and climate change strategy. The key results are as follows : Governance 79% Emissions 57% Adaptation 74% Behaviour 70% Procurement 38% Overall 65%. The results will be used to develop priorities and areas for action which will then be included in the sustainable development and climate change strategy action plan.	Green	-----	65%	0%	0%	-----
Carbon emissions in tonnage for South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority. (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. Area-wide figures now include Agriculture and Waste Management.	Green	-----	1,071.0	1,339.0	1,289.3	1,263.2
Percentage reduction on area-wide emissions compared to previous year: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. The reductions in 2020 in South Lanarkshire are in line with Scotland's overall reduction compared to the previous year. Overall figures now include Agriculture and Waste Management.	Green	-----	-10.3%	-6.7%	-3.7%	-2.2%
Per capita: emission within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. South Lanarkshire's emissions per capita is below the Scottish average of 4.1 in 2020 and has improved from previous years.	Green	-----	3.30	4.20	4.10	4.00

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Environment

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

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of streets found to be acceptable during survey (Local Environmental Audit and Management System street cleanliness score)	This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2021-22 data will not be available until January 2023. 2020-21 results show that South Lanarkshire Council continues to score higher for its street cleansing service than the Scottish average, with 94.1% of streets surveyed found to be of an acceptable standard in 2020-21. This is down slightly from 94.8% in 2019-20, however we are still above the Scottish average. It should be considered that since March 2020 we have had to introduce a more fluid service to protect our staff who have been working at the front line during the Covid-19 pandemic to continue to ensure that our streets remain clean and tidy, bins are emptied, and fly tipping is removed. It should also be noted that the Street Cleansing service were finalists in the 2021 APSE Service Awards for the whole of the UK in the category of "Best performer in Street Cleansing".	Report Later	94.1%	-----	94.9%	94.8%	94.1%
The biennial State of the Environment report for South Lanarkshire provides a baseline for identifying local environmental issues and provides an overview of environmental conditions	The 2021 State of the Environment Report was approved by the Executive committee on 2 March 2022.	Green	-----	-----	0	0	-----
Number of Local Nature Reserves declared	16 new and an extension to one existing LNR have now been legally declared.	Green	-----	17	0	0	1
Proportion of LNRs with active community management groups	Community work at sites is ongoing, activities stalled during Covid-19 restrictions.	Green	-----	52.90%	0.00%	0.00%	52.90%

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

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of adults satisfied with parks and open spaces (results from Scottish Household Survey)	This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2020-21 information is not yet available as the publication of the Scottish Household Survey (SHS) satisfaction data has been delayed. 2021-22 data will not be available until January 2023.	Report Later	77.1%	-----	80.4%	77.1%	-----

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	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Numbers participating in Get Walking Lanarkshire health walks programme	This measure is the cumulative number of people participating in health walks (i.e. one individual participating in ten health walks would be recorded as ten). It is not the number of individuals who participate in the programme - that data is not easily collected. There is not a set target for this measure.	Green	-----	4,786	0	0	0

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	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of Council dwellings that are meeting the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing 2 (EESH2) by 31 March 2022	No target was set for EESH 1 this year end as it was anticipated we would be reporting on the new EESH 2 standard. However, the Scottish Government published revised guidance stating SHQS element 35 should be measured against meeting the EESH 1 standard. Previous EESH 1 target was 93.10%.	Contextual	-----	98.64%	91.10%	93.39%	93.88%
Housing carbon emissions in tonnage for South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. The trend shows a consistent decrease in South Lanarkshire which is in line with decreases in Scotland overall.	Green	-----	490.4	574.3	536.9	535.2
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)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. The trend shows a consistent decrease in South Lanarkshire which is in line with decreases in Scotland overall.	Green	-----	-4.5%	-5.8%	-6.5%	-0.3%

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Communities

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Fuel poverty percentage in South Lanarkshire	<p>It is estimated that 22% of all households and 17% of families in South Lanarkshire are affected by fuel poverty according to the Scottish Household Condition Survey 2017-19. There was no survey completed during 2019-21 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The average number of households in fuel poverty remains below the national average of 24%.</p> <p>The Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy)(Scotland) Act 2019 sets a national target for 2040, where no more than 1% of households are in fuel poverty.</p>	Contextual	-----	22.0%	0.0%	20.0%	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	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of total household waste that is recycled	<p>Measure is reported per calendar year. The figure for quarter four (October to December 2021) was 37.21%. This equates to 41.50% for 2021, which is higher than the 2020 figure (40.5%), but remains below the target figure of 50.00%.</p> <p>Higher residual waste tonnages collected at the kerbside due to Covid-19 and home-working, high residual waste content in bulk uplifts (black bag waste accepted), and more non-recyclable waste being disposed of in Household Waste Recycling Centres, are all factors that need to be taken into account when understanding the household waste recycling performance.</p>	Red	50.00%	41.50%	44.30%	46.40%	40.50%

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of material accepted by the council's paper and card processor (compared to 2020/21 figure)	Measure is reported per calendar year. The quality of the paper and card collected at the kerbside improved in 2021, and now exceeds the target of 97%.	Green	97.0%	97.1%	-----	97.0%	94.1%
Percentage of household waste recycled at the council's household waste and recycling centres	Measure is reported per calendar year. The percentage of household waste recycled at Household Waste Recycling Centres was 59.29% in 2021. In the main this is due to residents bringing in more non-recyclable waste and not segregating waste streams. Both factors can be attributed to the Covid-19 pandemic, as residents continued to work from home, generating additional waste. It is worth noting that the percentage of waste recycled at these sites in Jan-March 2020 (pre-pandemic) was 62.07%, while the figure in Jan-March 2021 was 53.31%. This illustrates the impact that the pandemic has had on household waste composition.	Red	64.5%	59.3%	-----	64.5%	63.3%
Percentage of household waste sent to landfill in 2021	Measure is reported per calendar year. The percentage of household waste sent to landfill in 2021 was 8.66%, which is better than the 15% target.	Green	15.0%	8.7%	-----	-----	9.7%
Number of properties prone to flooding in South Lanarkshire	SEPA's 2018 National Flood Risk Assessment published the no. of properties predicted to be at risk within South Lanarkshire during a medium likelihood (1:200yr) flooding scenario:- Homes: 6,600 out of 148,200 (1 in 22). Businesses and Services: 1,900 out of 17,500 (1 in 9). Total: 8,500 out of 165,700 (1 in 19).	Contextual	-----	8,500	0	0	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	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Percentage of adults travelling to work by active or public transport (Scottish Household Survey)	Transport Scotland have advised that due to the Covid-19 pandemic there was a smaller sample size for the Scottish Household Survey in 2020 and all interviews were by telephone rather than face to face. As a consequence data is not available for individual local authorities. We await on whether information will be available later this year for 2021.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	-----
Percentage mode share of children travelling to school by active or public transport (annual national 'Hands Up' survey)	There were 59% of children travelling to primary and secondary school by active or public transport during 2021 (excluding nursery). 40.4% walked, 2.9% cycled, 2.3% by scooter/skate and 13.3% by bus. This is a slight decrease of 0.8% when compared to 2020 date which was 59.8% (39.4% walked, 2.8% cycled, 1.9% by scooter/skate and 15.7% by bus). Walking and cycling have however marginally increased by 1% and 0.1% respectively. Nationally in 2021 and 2020 these figures were 64.8% and 65.3% respectively.	Green	-----	59.0%	0.0%	0.0%	59.8%
Number of charging infrastructure points available to the public within South Lanarkshire	Number of charging infrastructure points available to the public within South Lanarkshire Project PACE saw 80 additional charge points installed within the SLC area, with an additional 10 charging points coming from other funding during the current financial year. In total the council has 133 public charge points across South Lanarkshire.	Contextual	-----	133	44	42	43
Carbon emissions tonnage for transport emissions in South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. The trend shows a decrease in South Lanarkshire in 2020 compared with the previous year which is in line with a decrease in Scotland overall.	Green	-----	278.7	364.0	367.2	346.9
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)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. The trend shows a decrease in South Lanarkshire in 2020 compared with the previous year which is in line with a decrease in Scotland overall.	Green	-----	-20.0%	2.1%	0.9%	-5.5%

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Carbon emission tonnage for industry in South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. The trend shows a consistent decrease in South Lanarkshire which is in line with the decrease for Scotland overall. This figure is for Industry and Commercial.	Green	-----	214.1	337.6	333.1	328.4
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)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2022. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2020. The trend shows a consistent decrease in South Lanarkshire which is in line with the decrease for Scotland overall.	Green	-----	-11.4%	-15.4%	-1.3%	-1.4%

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	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of schools actively engaged with the eco-schools programme	All 20 secondaries, 128 primaries, and 22 nurseries are registered with the ECO Schools initiative, with 52 establishments currently holding the Green flag award.	Contextual	-----	100.0%	0.0%	-----	-----
Number of volunteer days from the Environmental Volunteering programme across South Lanarkshire during 2020-21	The Environmental Volunteering Programme has shown further signs of recovery to near pre-Covid levels. A wider range of site management activities were achieved during quarter four. The target was reduced in 2020-21 and 2021-22 (from 2,000 to 1,000), to account for the impact of Covid-19.	Green	1,000	4,168	1,743	8,221	2,380

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
Establish new carbon reduction targets for the Council in line with the climate change bill 2019	Review carbon reduction targets and recommend new targets for the Council, with approval from the climate change and sustainability committee by March 2022	A short term reduction target of 5% for financial year 2022-23 has been agreed and plans are in place for how this will be achieved. A longer term reduction of zero direct emissions by 2038 was agreed by CMT in May 2022.	Complete
Continue to implement energy efficiency measures across council facilities including investment in renewable energy solutions and low/zero-carbon heating	Number of projects delivered as part of the CEEF programme during 2021-22	The majority of the projects on the programme have now been delivered. However, a small number have been delayed due to restrictions on working practices arising from Covid-19.	Amber
	Agree a strategy for the transition of non-domestic buildings to low/zero carbon heating	A consultant has been appointed with a view to assisting in the development of a strategy for the transition of non-domestic buildings to low/zero carbon heating which will include identification of pilot projects. A report on the base line position in relation to the carbon footprint of our non-domestic buildings has been prepared. Funding has been secured for three feasibility studies the results of which will inform decisions on the technical options and costs associated with the decarbonisation of the property estate.	Green
Create the conditions for the decarbonisation of the council's fleet	Implement year two of the Fleet Strategy (2020-2025) Action Plan and monitor its impacts, including emissions reduction levels and the trialling of new technologies	Work with Resources to manage vehicle utilisation, identify opportunities to increase productivity and to source/procure suitable low carbon vehicles is ongoing. Fleet continue to develop electric vehicle charging infrastructure to support the rollout of electric vehicles across Resources, including the 100% electrification of the pool car fleet. Vehicle emissions remain on a downward trend despite the size of the fleet not yet having reduced to its pre-Covid-19 level.	Complete
Enable employees to walk and/or cycle for business travel and commuting	Activities/initiatives implemented during 2020-21 to enable and encourage, where possible, employees to walk and cycle for business travel and commuting	Cycle To Work Scheme launched May 2021 with 92 applications received and further launch in November 2021 to coincide with COP26 resulted in a further 18 applications. Sustrans Workplace Journey Challenge March 2022 highlighted to staff in February 2022.	Complete
	Review number of cycling friendly locations during 2021-22	Brandon Gate has been designated as Cycle Friendly Status.	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Develop case study examples from the 'Cycle to Work' Scheme on the impact this scheme has had on staff engaging in active travel	Cycling Survey developed and results from this will be used to develop case studies. The results from the survey helped to action some of the common issues that were raised e.g. increasing the amount to purchase from £1,000 to £2,000 and from 2022 the scheme will be open all year round rather than for a specific period during the year.	Amber

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Continue to develop procurement processes to improve environmental outcomes and ensure compliance with the council's sustainable procurement duty	Progress with sustainable procurement actions as identified through the Flexible Framework action plan	The Procurement Service continues to update the Flexible Framework actions and these are reported in the Procurement Annual Report.	Green
	Consider wider training opportunities on use of prioritisation tools	Procurement has completed the Sustainable Procurement Prioritisation Framework in conjunction with Sustainable Procurement Scotland by the end of March 2022.	Green
	Update Sourcing Strategy to further embed sustainability measures from evaluation to contract management	Changes to Sourcing Strategy will now be concluded in 2022-23 with guidance from Sustainable Procurement Scotland.	Amber
	Using the prioritisation tool undertake prioritisation assessments for construction, social care and information technology categories	The prioritisation tool is complete.	Complete

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Council

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
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 2020-21 to reduce single use items across the Council	The planned initiatives for reducing single use items has been stalled due to the council coffee shops being closed for most of the year. An analysis of the procurement of a number of single use items including disposable PPE has been carried out and reported to CMT. Overall reductions have been achieved for the targeted items but the use of single use PPE has increased due to Covid-19. Work will continue in raising awareness and reducing the need for the remaining unnecessary single use items.	Green
	Initiatives implemented during 2020-21 to recycle more within Council workplaces	The service has continued to suffer from high Covid-19 absence rates and Waste Education Staff have been redeployed to support the Operations side of the business. Waste Ed staff have acted as Supervisors to the crew, loaders, Civic Amenity Site Staff and Delivery drivers throughout the pandemic. The adaptability of Waste Ed staff has allowed us to keep front line services going but it has been to the detriment of the strategy development and educational aspects of the business.	Red
	Introduce a reuse scheme for employees and investigate expanding this to schools	Investigations are underway into a reuse scheme for Council equipment and furniture.	Green
	Involvement in national campaigns promoting the circular economy	Supported various national campaigns with global staff emails and intranet/The View articles and social media posts. Campaigns included Recycle Week 2021, Plastic Free July, Love Food Hate Waste, Single use plastics new legislation, Food Waste Action Week, Reuse Beats Single Use and Be a Net Zero Hero.	Green
Establish further baselines for performance measures to demonstrate 'The Council is	Develop an understanding of the emissions from the Council's supply chain to further reduce emissions from procurement of goods and services	Discussions with the Procurement Team have taken place to understand how emissions from our supply chain could be quantified. External advice has also been sought and we are awaiting further guidance on how public sector could measure emissions from the supply chain consistently.	Green

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Sustainable Council

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources'	Further mainstream the principles of a circular economy in the Council's procurement of goods and services, and service delivery	This action will be explored within the new Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy action plan 2022-27.	Green

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Review and conclude the council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy (2017-2022), and develop the new strategy (2022-2027)	Complete review and development sessions with various stakeholders including Council officers, local community groups, members of the public, young people in schools and further education, Community Planning Partners, and local businesses, by August 2021	Engagement sessions undertaken as part of the development of the strategy are now complete. This included: workshops and focus groups involving approximately 100 people from both the council and wider community; and a wider survey based on the findings from those previous events (over 800 responses were received from the survey).	Complete
	Develop a draft strategy for the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee approval by September 2021	An elected members session took place on 8 October to review the draft structure of the strategy based on the engagement sessions and national targets and milestones. A report on the ongoing process for the development of the strategy, in particular public consultation on the proposed vision, themes, and priorities, was presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 3 November. A draft of the strategy and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment was out for public consultation and the findings were incorporated into the final strategy.	Complete
	Undertake a public consultation on the draft strategy and Strategic Environmental Assessment by December 2021	A draft of the strategy and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment was out for a six week public consultation throughout February and March 2022, and the findings were incorporated into the final strategy.	Complete

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Develop final strategy for the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee approval by March 2022	Final Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy has been approved by CMT and South Lanarkshire Council committee. Will be presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in August which is the first available date after local elections and summer recess. Thereafter the strategy will be published on the council website.	Complete
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 1 of Climate Ready Clyde's Adaptation Strategy Action Plan	The Council is a member of the LA forum that has been set up across the city region to take forward flagship action 1 in the CRC action plan.	Complete
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	Apply Adaptation Scotland's Capability Framework to understand the Council's capability level and areas for improvement	The Council are part of the Adaptation Scotland Benchmarking Tool working group. Benchmarking work is at an early stage and will continue as part of the new sustainable development and climate change strategy action plan.	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
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	Draft Report prepared for Executive Committee's noting following elections.	Green
Maximise funding to further deliver the Council's climate change duties (mitigate, adapt and act sustainably) across the Council and wider area	Create a plan that maximises the environmental impact across South Lanarkshire using the £2m Climate Challenge South Lanarkshire budget and establish performance measures for each project to report impact	Report presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in April 2021 outlined the plan for maximising the climate emergency fund. Agreed focus areas of communications, funding/investment, green economy, and energy efficiency. Four officers are in post with one more officer being recruited. Twelve internal projects and feasibility studies have been funded and 18 applications from local community groups have been received. Performance measures for projects have been agreed and will be reported regularly to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee.	Green
Introduce the changes from the Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 which comes into to force for reporting year 2021-22	Establish how the Council will align its spending plans and use of resources to deliver its emission reduction targets	This action will be explored within the new Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy action plan 2022-27.	Green
	Investigate setting targets for indirect emissions and a date for zero direct emissions for the Council	Long term reduction targets including targets for indirect emissions will be agreed as part of the development of the new Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy. It was agreed by CMT that a target of zero direct emissions by 2038 should be set and plan for how to achieve this should be agreed throughout 2022-23.	Green
	Publish an annual report on the Council's progress in achieving its carbon reduction targets on the Council website by 30th November 2021	This report was submitted to Scottish Government on 30th Nov 2021.	Complete

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Build on current partnerships and relations across South Lanarkshire that will support and enable a transition to net-zero area-wide emissions and mitigate climate risks	Work with Community Planning Partners in embedding climate change action in the work of the CPP and planning for place with a proposal for a collaborate approach to tackling climate change in South Lanarkshire to the CPP board in June 2021	A climate action development session was held with the CPP Board in November. Findings from that session and the pan Lanarkshire climate change workshop held in June 2021 were presented to the CPP Board in December 2021 and March 2022. It was proposed and agreed that mainstreaming sustainable development and climate change are considered as part of the wider CPP structure review.	Complete
	Investigate the potential of establishing a South Lanarkshire Climate Change Charter/Statement to allow businesses to sign up to	This will be explored in the new sustainable development and climate change strategy action plan 2022-2027	Green

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 environment	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 development of the Litter Strategy is progressing for a launch later in 2022. We are currently confirming an appropriate timeline with the new Executive Director of Community and Enterprise. The draft vision/objectives and the public consultation have been completed. The components of the strategy along with certain initiatives have also been started and are progressing well with the main focus on prevention.	Amber
	Implement Air Quality Action Plan for 2021-22 which contributes to improving air quality in South Lanarkshire	In March 2022, Environmental Services again submitted our grant application to Scottish Government for funding to support a number of air quality action plan projects for 2022-23. Funding award notification is expected in May 2022 and this will shape the projects taken forward. The sustain stage of the Beat the Street project is ongoing and continues to support the local community in terms of active travel choices. This year's Engine Idling campaign is continuing with localised promotion of the 'no idling' message at key target schools. The Love to Ride South Lanarkshire project is ongoing with both the 'Winter Wheelers' and 'Ride Anywhere Week' cycling promotional events having been completed. Preparations are currently underway for the May Bike Month promotion.	Green
	Implement the Contaminated Land Strategy for South Lanarkshire	Work continues on implementing the Contaminated Land Strategy. The development control process delivery continued throughout 2021-2022 to consider sites affected by historical industrial legacy contamination. Examples of this include Clyde Gateway (Cambuslang/Rutherglen) regeneration, signify (Hamilton) factory site re-development, as well as the former Motorola (East Kilbride) site re-development.	Green

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	Implement projects approved within the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund framework for 2021-22	VDLF report was approved at Community and Enterprise Resources Committee on 28 September 2021. A delay in the implementation of an associated project (Clyde Gateway Cuningar Ph.2) has impacted the delivery of 2021-22 funded VDLF projects. These projects are being progressed for implementation in 2022-23 on completion of the Cuningar Ph.2 works in summer 2022.	Amber
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	Continue with the preparation of the strategy during 2021-22, which includes audits of existing open space and analysis	The Scottish Government published a consultation on regulations for the preparation of Open Space Strategies in December 2021. It is expected that the regulations will be approved in late 2022. In the meantime, an audit of existing open space continues but progress has been delayed by resourcing issues.	Amber
	Establish baseline for proportion of population in South Lanarkshire that has access to good quality open space	This work is related to the preparation of an Open Space Strategy. A Scottish Government consultation on the associated regulations for this duty finished on 31 March 2022 with the approved version likely to be published later in 2022. In the meantime an audit of existing open space is currently being carried out.	Report Later

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Implement the Council's Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan	Actions delivered within the Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan during 2020-21 and the impact these actions have made to improving biodiversity across the Council's estate	<p>Existing actions are being assessed as part of development of a new BDIP from 2023. Biodiversity action within the Council is ongoing and being continually progressed.</p> <p>Actions during 2021-22 include: A new suite of Local Nature Reserves was declared by the Council in 2022. 16 new LNRs and a doubling of the existing Langlands Moss LNR. The number of LNRs increased from one to 17 and the area of LNRs increased from 20ha to 617ha. A programme of pollinator-friendly planting and wild-flower planting (8 ha) was undertaken on Council land through the Nature Restoration Programme.</p> <p>The BDIP will be revised in association with the next Biodiversity Strategy. The current documents have been extended for a year to reflect the next Scottish Biodiversity Strategy due late 2022/early 2023.</p>	Green
Continue to work in partnership to deliver actions from South Lanarkshire's Biodiversity Strategy 2018-2022	The Council's progress on the delivery of actions from the South Lanarkshire's Biodiversity Strategy during 2020-21	Actions within the Strategy are being assessed as part of a year long extension to the timescale, due to development of a new Scottish Strategy. Majority of SLC projects are complete or ongoing, with few to be completed/reviewed. Some timetables have slipped due to Covid-19 restrictions but in general biodiversity related work is increasing.	Complete
	Develop case study examples demonstrating the impact from partnership projects during 2020-21	The Biodiversity Duty Report to Scottish Government 2018-20 included key achievements as case studies. Further examples will be pulled together for future reports and as part of the new SL Biodiversity Strategy.	Complete

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Maximise the use of our natural environment to help mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change	Details of nature-based solution projects that contribute to mitigate or adapt to climate change during 2020-21	Flood studies were undertaken for Hamilton Low Park, Langlands Moss and Mossneuk LNRs to inform future potential for nature-based solutions projects. Biodiversity project work is ongoing with actions to be completed as part of Nature Restoration Programme. Feasibility studies are also being developed.	Green
	Establish a South Lanarkshire canopy cover target for 2032	Outputs from Clyde Climate Forest (CCF) and Forest Research's Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) analysis identified a South Lanarkshire UTC of 17.2% (This is just above the Glasgow City Region UTC of 17%, however 2.8% below the CCF's core canopy target of 20% by 2032). As set out previously South Lanarkshire's Canopy Cover overall is coincidentally also 17.2% (1.3% below current Avg. forest and woodland cover for Scotland, and 3.8% below Scottish Government's target of 21% by 2032). Establishing an interim minimum UTC target of 20%, and minimum of 21% for all other areas by 2032 is recommended.	Green

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	Develop interactive web based urban forestry tools to explore, share and communicate, and express the increase in value (ecosystem services) potential tree planting could bring to the community in monetary terms	The council has been in detailed discussions with a specialised software provider to refine the required data and quotation. The council has put this project on hold while it waits to evaluate the soon to be launched Scottish National Tree Canopy map.	Report Later
	Contribute and support the objectives of the Clyde Climate Forest (CCF) project	<p>The council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Reviewed CCF's Urban Tree Canopy data for south Lanarkshire-planted circa 21.5k trees, with community involvement in some sites. Including 22 community type orchards (>5 trees) involving around 1,000 trees.-Actively participates in CCF working and steering group and at a service level supports the work of the CCF team and the CCF Delivery Partners-Worked with the CCF team to identify three initial 'target neighbourhoods' (Blantyre, Rutherglen and Burnbank). Started identifying potential tree planting sites for CCF's intended target of '1,000 trees' this planting season in each of the target neighbourhoods.-Is in the process of Identifying other council land holdings for consideration for potential tree planting (circa 159 sites and 280 individual trees)-Contributed to the ongoing development of CCF Concordats	Green

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	Create and maintain a record of the Council's existing tree resource to understand the quantity, quality and the value it provides in terms of ecosystem services - such as carbon sequestration, air quality improvement or water uptake - expressed in monetary terms	The council has started to create and populate easy-to-use records of its tree resource within the centralised Tree Asset Management software using new tablets. Focused on target neighbourhoods, tree demographics and the ecosystem services they provide in monetary terms has now been collected and calculated for circa 4,209 individual trees (from circa 63,814 individual trees). From a desktop exercise extremely limited information has also been collected for 228 larger tree features/woodlands/forests (from circa 3,544 features).	Green
Protect, enhance and respect South Lanarkshire's natural environment	Prepare a plan to inspect trees for signs of ash dieback disease	A report has been drafted by the Arboricultural Officer on ash dieback disease. Desktop survey work and site visits have allowed us to plot affected areas using our new IT software (tree plotter). Meetings have been held with colleagues in roads to discuss and advise on the issue as the risk of major arterial routes being blocked by fallen trees could be a wider issue for the council. Additional funding has been allocated for 2022-23 to assist further with the identification of diseased trees to allow the locations to be added to tree plotter.	Green
	Investigate potential for increasing number of Local Nature Reserves	South Lanarkshire Council currently have one local nature reserve (LNR) at Langlands Moss, with 16 additional local nature reserves approved by the Planning Committee in October 2021. Formal legal declaration of 14 new reserves is now underway. Legal Services have prepared the Declaration and Notice. Legal have also produced the "Common Good Notice" for public consultation on parts of the remaining 2 sites which contain parcels of common good land. The consultation process is now complete and the full list of the new LNR sites has been advertised.	Green

Sustainable Environment

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
In partnership with local communities, continue programme of restructuring council owned woodland and improving recreational access	Consult on Management Plans for Bothwell and Blantyre Woods with community interests, David Livingstone Centre and other stakeholders by March 2022	A draft Management Plan was developed in 2019 for Bothwell Woods. 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, we now propose taking the opportunity to update the plan to take account of the increasing need to address the ash-dieback issues, before embarking on the wider public consultation.	Amber
	Continue to explore funding opportunities for phase 2 regeneration work at Greenhall and Millheugh, Blantyre including costed proposals for replacement river crossing	A replacement river crossing is required at Milheugh. Funding has been secured to enable a bridge to be designed. This design work was programmed for quarter four but limited design engineer availability has now pushed this into 2022/23. The costed design will enable wider funding to be sought for the construction. The Green Action Trust and the Friends of the Calder will assist securing funding bids for the bridge.	Green
Contribute to community health and wellbeing through well managed and accessible outdoor	Retain Green Flag accreditation at Strathaven Park, Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park, through implementation of agreed action plans for 2021-22	All three parks: Strathaven, Castlebank and Cambuslang, successfully retained their Green Flag Status. Strathaven again was rated as one of the top ten parks in the country as the peoples choice. Work has commenced on both action plans and management plans for 2022.	Green

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and greenspace	Undertake sample case studies to determine impacts – including % of volunteers expressing positive experience/ health benefits	<p>Following the easing of the Covid-19 restrictions, levels of environmental volunteering have shown further signs of increase. Throughout the pandemic, locally based management and “friends” groups continued to function, primarily through social media. During 2021-22, 4168 volunteer days were recorded. This is now close to the pre-pandemic levels.</p> <p>The March 2022 Environmental Volunteer newsletter details a wide range of this activity. This newsletter is available on the Council website. Case study sampling will take place later in 2022.</p> <p>The Lanarkshire Green Volunteering Network continued to support and provide environmental volunteering opportunities.</p>	Report Later
Encourage recreational and active travel, and access to the outdoors by implementing Outdoor Access Strategy and extending Clyde Walkway	Delivery of repairs programme to footbridges across the core path network by March 2022 in line with available external and internal capital funding (The Core Paths Plan)	Further small to medium-scale repairs of boardwalks and bridges were undertaken across several sites by Grounds Services and Countryside and Greenspace teams during quarter four. In addition, access management improvements were introduced across/around Flatt Bridge, East Kilbride. The Unpaid Work Service and environmental volunteers are not yet back to pre-Covid levels, and so this remains a constraint.	Green
	Develop plan for linking The Clyde Walkway to ‘Scotland’s Great Trails’ long-distance strategic access network	The strategic framework is incorporated within the South West Scotland Green Action Travel project proposal bid being developed in conjunction with Scottish Borders Council and Dumfries & Galloway Council. Consultants have been appointed and are undertaking a detailed evaluation of route options and costs to achieve these links. They will report by June 2022. This will inform a bid for Levelling Up Funds to be prepared in quarter one/two of 2022-23.	Green

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Sustainable Communities

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Explore options for innovative and affordable low carbon energy and heating solutions in local areas that will contribute towards national climate change ambitions	During 2021-22 consider and prepare for the development of a new Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) in line with the Scottish Government's proposed implementation date of 2023	<p>As part of the preparation and development towards a full LHEES Strategy required by December 2023, the council is one of 14 Scottish local authorities to access the latest Scottish Government Resource Call for the next phase of LHEES pilots.</p> <p>This project looks to build on the previous South Lanarkshire LHEES pilot, completed in 2019, following updated methodology created by the Scottish Government. The project will aim to expand existing energy and decarbonisation data sets for domestic and non-domestic buildings across all areas of South Lanarkshire. To support its delivery, the council have appointed a leading environmental and climate change consultant to deliver the work, estimated to be completed by May 2022.</p> <p>In addition, the council will be establishing a cross Resource officer group to take forward the development of the strategy during 2022/23, building on the knowledge gained from the pilot projects and ensure all services of council are involved in this new statutory requirement.</p>	Green
Continue to improve the energy efficiency of the Council's housing stock contributing towards national climate change ambitions	The Housing Investment Programme continues to incorporate sustainable changes to the Council's housing stock during 2021-22	Due to the restrictions in place as a result of the coronavirus pandemic only one project was completed in 2021-22. A further two projects were complete by June 2022. The remaining projects in the energy efficiency programme have been carried forward to 2022-23.	Amber

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Continue to maximise Home Energy Efficiency Programme funding to support owners and private rented properties	Total amount of funding secured and delivered for 2021-22 from Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Schemes programme	The EES allocation for 2021-22 was £2,827,822. We have claimed £525,000 on the main programme and a further £269,000 for the EWI at the Travelling Persons Sites and requested Scottish Government agree to accrue £288,500 for work completed in June 2022. We were unable to spend the full 2021-22 allocation due to the impact of restrictions during the Covid-19 pandemic and the impact on the supply/demand and cost of materials.	Amber

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Develop and deliver appropriate partnership actions to provide and promote energy advice and support to households resulting in warmer homes and helping to reduce fuel poverty	Continue to work with local partners within the Fuel Poverty sub-group to reduce fuel poverty	<p>Housing and Technical Resources currently chair the South Lanarkshire Fuel Poverty Sub-Group which has membership from a range of internal services and external partners. This includes Home Energy Scotland, Energy Action Scotland and Citizens Advice Scotland.</p> <p>Through the group a range of actions have been taken to improve support that can be provided to owners and private landlords. This includes energy efficiency and air source heat pump training for front line officers and improvements to published advice on the council and other partners' websites relating to energy consumption and tariffs.</p> <p>In addition, the Resource administer the 'Energy Company Obligation' and 'Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Schemes' grant schemes that direct national funding to make energy efficiency improvements to private homes across South Lanarkshire.</p> <p>Officers also attend various residents' groups to discuss and raise awareness of national support mechanisms available to property owners.</p> <p>Through the Private Landlord Forum hosted by the Resource, officers have also provided details and advice to landlords on the energy efficiency targets and requirements for their properties, alongside support mechanisms available to help achieve them.</p>	Green

Sustainable Communities

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Undertake participation rate study to establish the % of householders using the council's food waste collection service	Share of households using food caddy to dispose food waste to inform Council initiatives in relation to food waste in the following years of implementation of the strategy (subject to Covid restrictions lifted)	The service has continued to suffer from high Covid-19 absence rates and Waste Education staff have been redeployed to support the Operations side of the business. Waste Ed staff have acted as supervisors to the crew, loaders, Civic Amenity site staff and delivery drivers throughout the pandemic. The adaptability of Waste Ed staff has allowed us to keep front line services going but it has been to the detriment of the strategy development and educational aspects of the business.	Red

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Participation in the Green Heat in Greenspace project being run by Greenspace Scotland	Identify potential opportunities for sources of sustainable heat in South Lanarkshire's greenspace	The Council were one of the partners in this project. A report was provided to SLC identifying potential greenspace and water flow that could be used as a renewable source of energy for heating public buildings. Housing and Technical Resources will use this information as part of their heat assessments for public buildings.	Green

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Manage flooding priorities and deliver prioritised flood protection schemes	Progress/deliver prioritised flood protection projects/studies in line with available capital and revenue funding	<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. This project is substantially complete, however some additional modelling work was recently requested which has extended the completion date again into April 2022.</p> <p>Greenlees Drainage Improvement Works: This project includes the reconstruction of the culvert inlet arrangements at Staffa Road in Cambuslang, and the lining of the upstream culvert beneath the A749 East Kilbride Road. The project has been awarded and works were programmed to commence on site in October 2021 with an estimated completion date of December 2021, however due to Covid-19 complications and material delivery delays these original dates were not met. Works commenced on site in November 2021 and were completed in February 2022.</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 identified this year include the repair/replacement of culvert inlet trash screens and the construction of suitable access paths, steps, fencing and handrails.</p>	Green

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Encourage greater use of public transport by working with partners to improve public transport infrastructure	Progress/deliver prioritised improvements to bus and rail infrastructure (e.g. park and ride) in line with agreed Park and Ride Strategy (2018-2027) and available external funding	<p>A number of Park and Ride projects have been taken forward as outlined below: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Lanark Interchange Project – Following planning consent being awarded, works have recently been completed for new park and ride provision of approximately 30 new spaces.2. Cambuslang Park and Ride – Works were completed in summer 2021 and the Park and Ride is open.3. East Kilbride Rail Enhancement Project – The council is in partnership with Transport Scotland, Network Rail, SPT and Sustrans to take forward park and ride, bus interchange, pedestrian/cycle route access enhancements. Ongoing detailed design discussions are regularly taking place with a programme of works currently being considered following revisions to the rail network provision parts of the project. <p>Bus infrastructure works are complete, with a new bus turning circle constructed in Belstane Gate, Carluke. Bus stop and shelter works at various locations have also been completed with four shelters in Rutherglen recently replaced.</p>	Complete

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

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		<p>7) Cycle Route designs currently being taken forward in various locations: Larkhall to Blackwood / Carluke and Law / Hamilton / Lanark / Cambuslang and Newton.</p> <p>8) Car Free Zones at Schools - 2 schools (Burnside Primary School and St Joseph's Primary School) will have zones in place in April 2022.</p>	
	Complete the four Spaces for People projects in line with available funding, taking cognisance of Covid-19 restrictions / developments and government guidance	<p>The project to improve the NCN75 corridor is complete. The remaining 3 projects with associated interventions are continuing and these are detailed below: -</p> <p>1) Active Travel Network (East Kilbride cycle route) – construction of cycle lanes between East Kilbride Rail Station and the Town Centre (Torrance Road / Brouster Hill) and on Cornwall Street - works were completed in May. Consultation on the project is complete and the responses currently being reviewed.</p> <p>2) School Outdoor Environment - Works are completed, subject to a small number of minor works to be undertaken, which has resulted in the implementation of 20mph “zones” at approximately 90 schools. Consultation and monitoring is complete and has been presented the council's Road Safety Forum.</p> <p>3) Town Centres – Works are complete, where 20mph cordons in six town centres (Carluke, Lanark, Bothwell, Strathaven, Larkhall and Uddingston) have been established. Consultation and monitoring is complete and has been presented the council's Road Safety Forum.</p>	Green

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Develop a sustainable food system to overcome social, health, economic and environmental issues related to food	Implement year two of the Good Food Strategy (2020-2025) Action Plan and monitor its impacts. particularly in relation to food insecurity and poverty as a result of Covid-19	The second-year action plan of the Good Food Strategy has been implemented. Detailed information on the implementation of each of the actions will be available in the quarter four food action plan progress reports that will be presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee. The report will include actions and progress in relation to food poverty.	Green
Develop supporting planning guidance in support of the Local Development Plan and the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy action plan to ensure new buildings are designed to be as carbon neutral as	Supporting Planning Guidance to be developed and presented to committee for approval by March 2022 and thereafter be subject to public consultation	The delay in receiving the examination report for the Local Development Plan 2 and the publication of the draft national planning policy, National Planning Framework 4, has resulted in the timescale for the preparation of the Supporting Planning Guidance to be reviewed. Renewable Energy, Householder Development, Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Law Place East Kilbride Supporting Planning Guidance have all been approved. Supporting Planning Guidance on Community Infrastructure Assessment will be out for consultation in April/May 2022. Other Supporting Planning Guidance is being prepared relating to the Local Nature Reserves, and work has commenced on issues relating to Climate Change.	Amber

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possible and resilient to climate change and to encourage the retro fitting of appropriate technology in existing buildings	Awareness sessions to be developed for planning officers and developers/agents to ensure roll out in 2022-23	Follow up monitoring delayed due to other workload priorities.	Amber
Review and update guidance for building standards surveyors in relation to climate change mitigation in new buildings and the adaptation of existing buildings	Monitor effectiveness of actions implemented in March 2021 and consider further service specific actions by March 2022	Monitoring did not take place due to other commitments and will take place during 2022-23.	Amber
Provide advice and support to businesses in the transition to a net-zero economy	Develop an Economic 'Response, Recovery and Renewal' Strategy framed around three themes: People, Place and Business, whilst creating the right conditions for a low carbon economy for Committee approval by June 2021	<p>Development of the new Economic Strategy has shifted focus during the year towards a more progressive forward thinking strategy, which sets out clear ambitions over the next five years (2022-27).</p> <p>The draft strategy was presented to the full council on 15th June 2022 as part of a suite of documents accompanying the new Council and Community Plans.</p> <p>The proposed vision is "to make South Lanarkshire a flourishing, green, dynamic and equitable place for communities, visitors, businesses and investors", and the strategy continues to be framed around the three themes of sustainable, inclusive economic development – People, Place and Business.</p>	Amber

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	Support provided to Smart Sustainable East Kilbride (SSEK) in the delivery of their action plan priorities for 2021-22 (subject to approval of Council and other funding partners)	Officers maintaining dialogue with key partners. A review of the East Kilbride Taskforce and SSEK is ongoing. This will determine the future role and relationship.	Amber
	Work with partners and local businesses in the approved Low Carbon Challenge Fund project to identify the challenges and opportunities in the repurposing of assets in the key sectors of renewables, aerospace and rail	Discussions are ongoing with LCCF partners to identify and advance the challenges and opportunities identified by the project, with a focus on potential opportunities for local businesses in the renewables sector. We will liaise with local businesses to identify opportunities for 'themed' working, aiming to create beneficial links and partnerships between like-minded businesses. Local businesses that have embraced a 'green' approach to development are being encouraged to become case studies that could be used SL wide to promote positive approaches to 'greening' business developments, including the opportunity to benefit from targeted SLC (and external) business support grants.	Green

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Work towards the introduction of Part 9 of the Community Empowerment Act 2015 in relation to food growing	Implement year 2 Food Growing Strategy's action plan to continue to increase all types of food growing provision across South Lanarkshire	Action plan has been implemented and we are working through the timescales to complete remaining actions before the action plan is updated for 2022. The following are examples of actions which have been met: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A new allotment site at Lesmahagow Road, Strathaven was completed in March 2022.• Two new fruit orchards are being planted in Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park to increase food provision.• The online allotment application form has been streamlined and a system for bulk emailing established. The waiting list management procedure has also been improved.	Green

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As part of a longer-term plan to enhance the school curriculum, formulate a process to coherently capture aspects of sustainability and climate change in the school curriculum and continue to engage young people in environmental education through Eco Schools or other initiatives	Identification and collation of sustainability and climate change activity within the school curriculum during 2021-22 as a single source of information	Google form created and returns made from all secondary schools, Primary school information will be collated after the COP from June 2022	Green
	Establish a baseline with a carbon footprint calculator for all establishments and set a carbon reduction target for each establishment	Although a bespoke carbon calculator has been devised we haven't yet rolled this out – mainly due to anticipated inaccurate baseline data as a result of the building ventilation measures/pressures currently in place to mitigate against Covid-19 transmission. We expect this to be rolled out to high schools later this term, early new session.	Green
	Work with CQIS to further imbed sustainability within the curriculum and create a pupil voice forum to inform decision making on sustainability Council wide	The SLC Youth Forum for Sustainability and Climate Change continues to meet monthly. The members of the forum have been split into 5 working groups that we call the TIERS- Travelling, Influencing, Eating, 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), Shopping. The TIERS have been working on various tasks including an overview of their area and locally, nationally and globally along with suggestions they can put forward to South Lanarkshire Council in order to make positive, sustainable changes. The forum has been preparing for a MiniCOP event in June that will be attended by representatives from all our primary and secondary schools. This will be an event to highlight these issues and raise awareness of how we can make simple changes as individuals, families and as a school.	Green
Work in partnership to provide the appropriate skills required for employment opportunities in the low carbon and renewable energy industry	Promotion and tracking of initiatives/events to promote participation in STEM	STEM imbedded across all schools and development for future activities underway with the West Partnership.	Green