

South Lanarkshire Sustainable Development Strategy

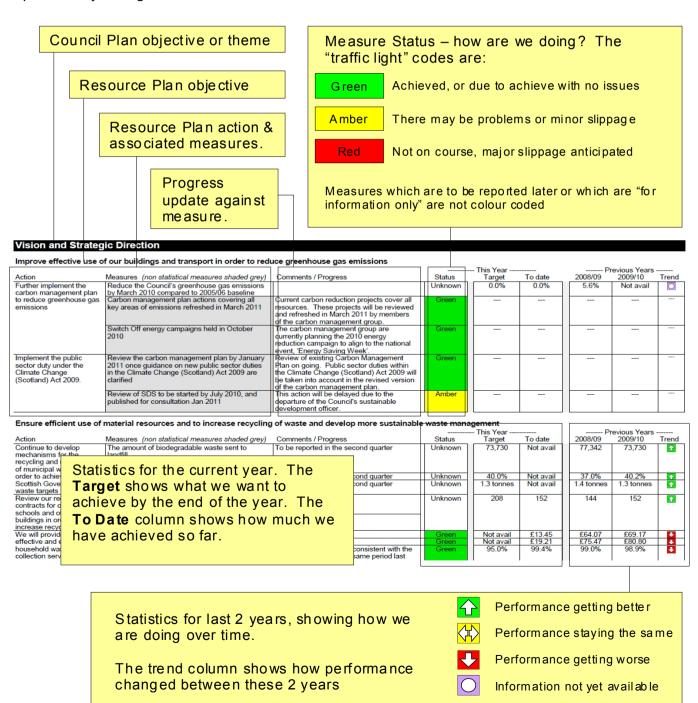


Performance Report Quarter 4: 2017/18 - April to March



How to use this performance report

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





Summary (level 1) - number of measures green, amber and red under each Sustainable Development objective

Sustainable Development Theme	Green	Amber	Red	To be reported later / Contextual	Total
Sustainable Council	9			2	11
Sustainable Environment	14	2			16
Sustainable Communities	17	1			18
Total	40	3	0	2	45

Sustainable Council

The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

				This Year			Last 3 Year	s
Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Implement our Carbon Management Plan to reduce the council's carbon footprint in line with the Scottish Government's targets	10% reduction in the Council's greenhouse gas emissions achieved by March 2021, compared to 2015/16 (equivalent to 2% each year)	Carbon emissions in 2016-17 reduced by 7.8% compared with 2015-16. The 2017-18 position will be reported around June/July 2018, but it is anticipated that the target of 10% over 5 years will be met early and exceeded by the target date of 2020-21.	Report Later	10.0%				7.8%
	Compliance with Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) scheme achieved within deadlines	Our commitments for the 2016-17 Carbon Reduction Commitment compliance year have been fully met. Allowances for the 2017-18 compliance year have been purchased in the 2017 presale and preparations for the submission of the annual report by the deadline of 31 July are underway and on schedule.	Green					
Continue to implement energy efficiency measures across council facilities including	% reduction in energy consumption across the energy portfolio	Figures will not be available until mid June.	Report Later			-		
investment in renewable and low carbon energy solutions	Agree 2017/18 CEEF Programme with CMT	Report to CMT was submitted on 13 April 2017. Complete.	Green					
Implement measures within the council's fleet to contribute to the Scottish Government's ambition of the decarbonisation of road transport	Implement fuel efficiency measures to achieve a 4% reduction in vehichle emissions by March 2018 (relative to baseline year of 2014-15) (council wide figure)	In 2017-18, the Council achieved a 10.5% reduction in vehicle emissions relative to the baseline year 2014-15.	Green	4.0%	10.5%	0.0%	0.0%	6.0%

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

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Continue to develop	Implement the Procurement Strategy Action	All actions within the Procurement Strategy	Green					
procurement processes	Plan	Action Plan undertaken within agreed timescales						
to improve		(revised timescales set where appropriate).						
environmental outcomes								
and ensure compliance		The process of review is well underway with						
with the council's		activities commenced in all Resources.						
sustainable procurement								
duty								
Create a culture of	Manage and deliver sustainable IT services	Actioned across the corporate IT Infrastructure to	Green					
resource efficiency in the		comply with the Carbon Reduction Plan.						
workplace								

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

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Ensure the council is compliant with the public sector climate change duties	Council's performance in complying with public sector climate change duties evaluated and annual statutory Climate Change Duties Report published by 30th November 2017	The annual evaluation of the Council's performance in complying with public sector climate change duties was carried out in October 2017. Identified improvements will be included in the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Action Plan. The annual statutory Climate Change Duties Report was approved by the Executive Committee on 8 November 2017 and subsequently submitted to the Scottish Government by 30 November 2017 deadline. A copy of the annual report can be found on the council's website.	Green					
	Participate in 'Climate Ready Clyde' partnership during 2017-18	The Corporate Management Team have agreed to continue participation in the Climate Ready Clyde partnership for the following two years.	Green					

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Use sustainable development as a guiding principle in council plans, policies and strategies and include environmental	Strategic Environmental Assessments undertaken on all appropriate plans and strategies, as statutorily required	Fifteen policies, plans, programmes and strategies have been subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) since April 2017. All SEAs are regularly monitored by the Corporate SEA Working Group which has met four times since April 2017.	Green					
considerations	Annual report for Executive Committee and other governance groups on number and outcomes of Strategic Environmental Assessments carried out within the Council prepared by March 2018	The report covering 2017-18 will be presented to the Executive Committee in 16th May 2018. The report will also be presented to the Sustainable Development Member Officer Group, the Sustainable Development Coordination Group and the Corporate SEA Working Group.	Green					

Sustainable Environment

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

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Review and assess air quality throughout South Lanarkshire in the line with our Air Quality Strategy	Implementation of Air Quality Action Plan by March 2018	20 primary schools have been visited as part of the 2017-18 engine idling campaign, with 78 drivers found to be idling their vehicles. All drivers switched off their vehicles. A new engine idling cinema advert featuring South Lanarkshire pupils undertaking the voiceover is in development and will be released shortly. 90 primary school workshops on air quality and sustainable travel have been delivered. A high school teacher resource pack has also been developed, with two pilot workshops due to be delivered in April 2018. 'I walk / I cycle because I'm part of the solution, not the pollution' promotional campaign has commenced.	Green					

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
	Submit the progress report on air quality across South Lanarkshire to the Scottish Government by March 2018	Work continues on data gathering to inform the 2018 progress report on air quality. An issue with the Rutherglen continuous air quality monitoring data was identified resulting in some of the 2017 data having to be rejected. Measures have since been put in place to prevent a recurrence of these issues. A review of the nitrogen dioxide monitoring sites has been completed, with ten sites relocated in January 2018.	Green					
Ensure our planning and land use policies protect and enhance the natural environment, ecosystem services and encourage sustainable development	Implement the Contaminated Land Strategy for South Lanarkshire	Implementation of the Contaminated Land Strategy is ongoing. We are awaiting responses from SEPA regarding the waste management licence surrender applications that have been submitted for two historical landfill sites at Newlandsmuir and Markethill (both in East Kilbride). Environmental Services continues to work in partnership with Housing and Regeneration colleagues to undertake site investigation works at a historical unlicensed landfill site at Glen Esk in East Kilbride. This work is being funded by 2017-18 Vacant and Derelict Land Fund monies.	Green					
	Strategic Development Plan prepared for adoption by Clydeplan Group by December 2017	The Strategic Development Plan (Clydeplan) was approved by Scottish Ministers on 24th July 2017 and published on 15th September 2017. The Plan sets out a vision for the long term development of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley area. It focuses on the key land use and development issues that cross the planning authority boundaries within the Glasgow City Region.	Green					
Continue to measure progress and report on the state of South Lanarkshire's environment	Updated biennial State of the Environment report finalised by December 2017	The 2017 edition of the State of the Environment Report was finalised for approval by December 2017 and is now reporting to the Executive Committee on 16th May 2018.	Green					

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Meet our statutory biodiversity duty by implementing our Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan which will enhance and protect biodiversity through managing our own estate	Deliver South Lanarkshire Council Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan and prepare and submit three yearly monitoring report to Scottish Government by January 2018	Biodiversity Implementation Plan completed. Biodiversity Duty report submitted to Scottish Government on schedule.	Green					
Contribute to South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Partnership's action plan ensuring ecosystems are used sustainably and strengthened	Database updated and information used to establish priority areas for treatment and ongoing assessment of invasive plants	Database continuing to develop and inform management work by SLC Grounds and volunteers.	Green					
In partnership with local communities, continue to enchance South Lanarkshire's greenspace whilst improving recreational	Phase 1 of Management Plan at Millheugh/ Greenhall Estate implemented by March 2018 (includes woodland restructuring and recreational access improvements)	Project completed, including: restoration of footpath network on south bank of Rotten Calder; woodland restructuring and removal of plantation conifers; secured boundaries against vehicle access and fly-tipping; and treatment of invasive species.	Green					
access	Phase 2 of Chatelherault landscape and access regeneration project implemented (includes restructuring of footpath network, replacing and repairing of footbridges, woodland restructuring, and invasive species treatments)	All work completed (except restoration of White Bridge which is scheduled for May/June 2018), includes: 20 hectares of plantation conifers removed; reconstruction of whole footpath network; invasive species treated; and repairs to Duke's Bridge.	Green					
	Phase 1 of Management Plan for Mauldslie and West Brownlie Woods implemented by March 2018 (includes woodland restructuring and recreational access improvements)	Felling work competed at West Brownlie and Mauldslie Woods. Improvements made to road access points to facilitate future management.	Green					
	Funding applications completed for Bothwell and Blantyre Woods by March 2018, through continued liaison with various 'Friends of' groups	Funding application made to Forestry Commission Scotland for development of management plan for Bothwell Castle woods and Blantyre Priory woods. Project implementation expected to begin in 2019, once funding secured.	Green					

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

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Continue to develop the Greenspace Strategic Partnership to enable people to learn, play and be physically active outdoors in South Lanarkshire		Healthy Walking programme continues to be delivered across North and South Lanarkshire, with support from Paths for All, NHS Lanarkshire, NLC and SLC.	Green					
Work in partnership to develop and implement South Lanarkshire's Outdoor access strategy	Outdoor Access Strategy developed and approved by Committee by December 2017 with implementation thereafter	There has been slippage with the Outdoor Access Strategy, due to other priorities for the Outdoor Access Officers. Preliminary work and Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening completed. Completion of the Strategy rescheduled for December 2018.	Amber					
	Continue investigation into partnership and external funding opportunities for extension of Clyde Walkway to link with neighbouring long distance routes - proposal paper for Community Services Committee submitted by March 2018	Proposal paper completed and awaiting confirmation of Committee date.	Amber					
Continue to educate our young people about the local environment in which they live and encourage them to reduce the impacts they have upon it	Continue to increase climate change awareness and sustainability in education establishments	Schools will incorporate climate change awareness content into their curriculum, using programmes and initiatives to support their work. Links and resources will be added to the SLC Glow site and the SLC Education twitter site. This will be supported by the Curriculum and Quality Improvement Service throughout school session 2017-18.	Green					

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Provide environmental volunteering opportunities and support community groups to manage local environmental projects	2,000 volunteer days achieved as part of Environmental Volunteer programme by March 2018	Environmental volunteering opportunities continue to develop. This figure includes volunteer projects run directly by SLC Countryside and Greenspace, time given by "Friends" groups working on Council greenspaces, volunteer healthy walk leaders and partner agencies undertaking voluntary work on	Green	2,000	3,090	4,796	2,020	4,369
		SLC owned sites.						

Sustainable Communities

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

			This Year				Last 3 Year	s
Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Continue to invest in energy efficiency	% of council dwellings that are meeting the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social	Target achieved	Green	86.00%	96.82%	0.00%	82.38%	86.10%
measures in council homes including	Housing (EESSH) (LGBF)							
improvements to the								
fabric of the building,								
installation of affordable								
low carbon heating and								
the use of renewable								
technologies								
Work in partnership to	Assist/support households to access	Home Energy Efficiency Programme (HEEPS)	Green					
provide advice and	schemes available to help address fuel	funding provided to help address fuel poverty						
support to local	poverty issues	issues.						
communities to help								
increase energy								
efficiency at home and								
minimise fuel poverty								

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

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Continue to divert waste from landfill by providing and encourageing the effective use of household waste	Ongoing education and awareness undertaken and waste service procedures reviewed to promote waste minimisation, reuse and recycling within local communities	Continuing to liaise with local primary schools to promote visits and activities with children. The council's Waste Education Team is currently working with two secondary schools to assist with project work associated with Science Technology	Green					
management services across South Lanarkshire	Performance of waste and recycling contracts monitored and internal monthly updates developed on performance within each contract	Engineering and Maths (STEM). Regular monthly/bimonthly meetings take place with contractors, and issues relating to performance are monitored. Corrective action is taken on matters raised within monthly reports where necessary.	Green					
	Waste audits undertaken and waste collection arrangements reviewed in council buildings, identifying opportunities to reduce residual waste and increase recycling	Approximately 30% of waste audits in schools and Council buildings complete.	Green					
	The percentage of total household waste arising that is recycled (Council target is 50% in line with Government target)	The recycling rate for 2017-18 is 8.8% lower than that in 2016-17. This drop resulted from a change in recycling methods which took place from 1st April 2017, and which reduces the recycling rate, but ensures the material recovered is of better quality and higher value. In the longer term, this means much less waste going to landfill.	Amber	50.0%	44.3%	45.0%	49.0%	53.0%

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Work in partnership to ensure that local infrastructure is resilient to the impacts of climate change	Prioritised flood protection projects / studies delivered by March 2018 in line with available capital / revenue funding	Borgie Glen, Cambuslang - Inlet trash screen replacement and access improvement works are now complete. Station Gate, Netherburn - Flood relief channel through the adjacent forest has been completed. Two flood embankments have been constructed, however topsoiling works have been delayed due to poor weather. Purchase of temporary flood barriers to be used	Green						
		as required during storm events. Products have been purchased and delivered to Canderside Roads Depot. The Coulter Project has been deferred to allow a							
		better understanding of the issues. The project at Jerviswood Drive, Cleghorn has also been deferred as the contractor failed to provide quotation and we are reviewing the potential solution.							
		Finally, the Hallside Burn, Halfway project has been postponed due to landownership issues.							

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	Participate in Local Flood Risk Management Districts, namely Clyde and Loch Lomond led by Glasgow City Council and Tweed led by Scottish Borders Council	Council officers continue to participate in Tweed Local Plan District meetings and the Clyde and Loch Lomond (CaLL) Senior Officers Group as we embark upon the next Flood Risk Management planning cycle. SLC continue to have a presence on the CaLL Joint Committee which will continue to be in place during the next six year cycle.	Green					
		Initial work has begun on a few of the flood studies and Surface Water Management Plans - these are council actions within the published Local Flood Risk Management Plans and require to be completed within the first six year planning cycle.						
	Watercourse Clearance and Repair undertaken in line with current requirements	A schedule of watercourse clearance and repair works has been drafted and is located within Fileplan. This will be updated as required and satisfies the relevant Council duties under Section 18 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009.	Green					
		This schedule will not be our complete programme of works. It includes only works that have been identified as being required to reduce flood risk, as stated within the Act.						
		Guidance on local authority duties relating to inspecting watercourses and undertaking clearance and repair works has finally been published by the Scottish Government. This document has still to be reviewed, and thereafter, its recommendations will be implemented as required.						

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Help to reduce vehicle emissions and congestion and connect our communities through infrastructure improvement projects in favour of, and integration between, walking, cycling and using public transport	Prioritised improvements to bus and rail infrastructure (e.g. park and ride) delivered by March 2018 in line with available external funding	Land acquisition discussions were concluded and land purchased at Carstairs Junction Park and Ride to allow a future expansion. Phase 1 of a study to establish the extent of existing on-street parking etc surrounding Cambuslang Station has been concluded. The construction of 155 space extension is complete at Newton Station and is open for rail customers to use.	Green					
		In order to enhance the pedestrian links to Hamilton Interchange, bollards have been replaced between Quarry Street at the interchange as well as on Orchard Street. Initial works to replace approximately 15						
		advertising bus shelters have been completed. The remaining works will be completed in a future financial year.						
	Development of Park and Ride Strategy	The consultative draft of the Park and Ride Strategy was approved by the Community and Enterprise Committee on 8th March 2018. A consultation exercise will be undertaken in the coming months.	Green					

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Work in partnership to support and encourage sustainable travel choices for people within	Walking and cycling projects/schemes delivered in line with the agreed 2017/18 capital programme	Completed cycle route works to upgrade NCN74 at Tieglum Road in Lesmahagow. Continuing cycle route works in the Calderwood	Green					
South Lanarkshire, with emphasis on walking		Road area of East Kilbride.						
and cycling promoting a healthier lifestyle		Cycle monitoring equipment as well as cycle shelters at various locations were installed over the year.						
		A consultant was appointed to identify a possible cycle network for Hamilton and this will inform the design of a future network for the town. A final report has been submitted and this will be used to assist with future funding bids to external bodies.						
Encourage sustainable production and consumption in the business community and support the growth of a low carbon industry in South Lanarkshire	East Kilbride Task Force Action Plan implemented	Continued to support private sector led East Kilbride Task Force.	Green					

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Communicate and engage with	Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-22 (and	The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy was approved by the Executive	Green					
communities on	accompanying communications plan)	Committee in December 2017.						
environmental and	approved by Executive Committee by	The Objects will be a self-self-self-self-self-self-self-self-						
climate change mitigation and adaption	December 2017	The Strategy is now available on the council's website and discussions are underway to agree						
issues empowering		the action plan for 2018-19.						
further local action								

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	Target	To Date	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Embed sustainability and climate change in the school curriculum and continue to engage young people in environmental education through Eco Schools and similar programmes	Further embed climate change awareness and sustainability in Curriculum for Excellence	Increasingly, schools will incorporate sustainability content into their curriculum, using programmes and initiatives to support their work. The SLC Glow site has been updated to include access to Learning for Sustainability resources. This will be supported by the Curriculum and Quality Improvement Service throughout school	Green					
and similar programmes		session 2017-18.						
	Continue to support involvement in programmes and initiatives that help reduce climate change including Eco-schools programme; Earth Hour and Globally Aware Schools	Schools continue to support involvement in programmes and initiatives that help reduce climate change. This will continue to be supported by the Curriculum and Quality Improvement Service throughout session 2017-18.	Green					
	Maintain 100% Eco School Scotland registration and increase percentage of establishments with bronze, silver and green flag awards	SLC continues to maintain its 100% registration with Eco-Schools Scotland. Currently 168 schools are registered: 133 have bronze awards; 119 have silver awards and 73 have Green Flag awards. Those schools with Green Flags are maintaining their standards to meet Green Flag level at each check up. In addition an increasing number of Early Years Partner providers have registered with Eco Schools: 40 are registered; 23 have bronze awards; 17 have silver awards and 8 have Green Flags. Young people in SLC are very aware of their eco responsibilities and share what they have learned with their parents.	Green	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products	Tourism Strategy delivered via Lanarkshire Area Tourism Partnership	Spring and autumn marketing campaigns have been focused on reaching visitors within a drive time of 2-3 hours. Activity has included: the distribution of publications such as the 'Great Days Out in Lanarkshire' booklets throughout the central belt and beyond, and promotion of Lanarkshire as a destination by the BIG Partnership through digital media.	Green					
		Activity has also centered on developing and funding access statements for all tourism businesses. To date, over 300 access statements have been created, covering 90% of Lanarkshire's tourism assets (accommodation, attractions and transport hubs) - over 190 of these are in South Lanarkshire. The aim of these statements is to maximise independence and choice for disabled people in accessing their local area and the places to visit, as well as encouraging additional business from this market.						
		South Lanarkshire Council Tourism Officer departed the Council in September 2017, and to achieve required budget savings, this post has not been filled.						
		City Deal tourism thematic group last met 20th March 2018 and is contributing to the draft regional tourism strategy and action plan, both of which are nearing completion.						

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