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# South Lanarkshire Good Food Strategy 2020-2025

## Performance Report

Quarter 4 : 2022/23 - April to March

Sustainable  
South Lanarkshire

# What are the objectives of the Good Food Strategy?

There are 12 objectives categorised into six themes.

## Good Food at Home and in the Community

1. Support individuals, families and communities in strengthening Good Food culture, in particular in relation to health and wellbeing, in developing interest and skills for food, including food growing and cooking. Promoting Good Food during pregnancy, childhood and old age is a priority.
2. By working with existing community food initiatives and partners, help reducing food insecurity and poverty by building the resilience of individuals and families and preventing crisis. If emergency support is needed, encourage dignified and respectful responses.



## Good Food in the Public Sector

3. Ensure that the council prepares, serves and promotes enjoyable, healthy, and sustainable food in council properties and schools by seeking to meet the Soil Association Food for Life standards as appropriate.
4. Engage with partners and the private sector to explore and research opportunities to improve public procurement of food, including in relation to the provision of local food.



## Good Food Economy

5. Support the development of safe, healthy and affordable local retail and catering food environments.
6. Encourage the development of a thriving and sustainable local food economy that is fair and inclusive, and contributes to the creation of decent and skilled jobs in the food sector.



## Good Food Growing

7. Increase the provision of high quality food growing opportunities.
8. Engage with partners and local food growing initiatives to promote and support sustainable food growing.



## Good Food for the Environment

9. Reduce food waste and food packaging in the public sector and support the community and the private sector to do so, redistribute food surplus and support food composting.
10. Connect with the community, partners and the private sector to reduce the impacts of the food system on the environment and its contribution to climate change and promote animal welfare.



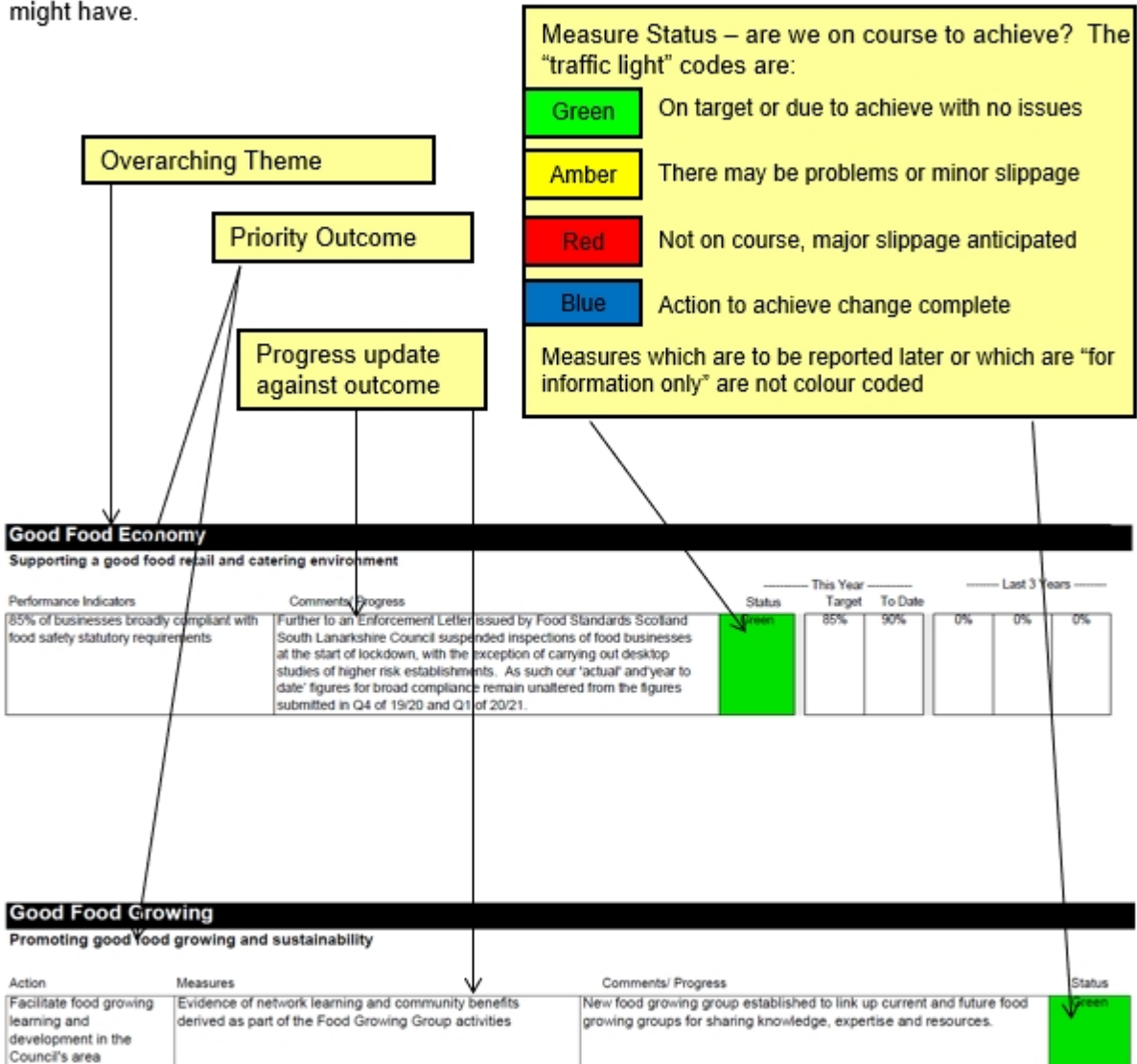
## Good Food Governance

11. Engage with, build on and support the various local food initiatives and encourage collaboration and partnership.
12. Ensure that healthy, sustainable, fair food is embedded in local policies, increase policy coherence and guarantee that food has a high profile across the council by connecting with partners.



## 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.



## Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### Good Food at Home and in the Community

#### 1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food insecurity and poverty

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Number of learners from Youth, Family and Community Learning service (Education) benefiting from food related learning programmes	Programmes have taken place across the local authority through the Youth, Family and Community Learning service provision for adults, young people, communities and families.  Programmes include: Additional Support Needs (ASN) food learning provision; REHIS programmes; learning programmes on cooking on a budget, food preparation, nutritional value, healthy eating, food hygiene and the good food plate; delivery of Hospitality Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network (ASDAN); Peer led Breakfast Clubs; outdoor cooking.	Green	220	834	0	567	414
Number of children eligible for free school meals and supported during school holiday periods (£2.50 per day)	The number of children currently entitled to Free School Meals payments during school holiday periods is 9,544.	Contextual	-----	9,544	0	0	0

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Number of referrals to specific food initiatives for families experiencing food insecurity (Best Start Food applications; Healthy Start Voucher applications; Food Bank referrals; School meal applications; Scottish Welfare Fund applications)	<p>Money Matters made 1,621 food related referrals for families experiencing food insecurity in 2022-2023. This includes 1,400 referrals to food banks, 144 to the Scottish Welfare Fund, 52 to Best Start Food and 25 to school meals.</p> <p>The Community Engagement Team (CET) has acted as the lead for the Council for emergency food requests through the Community Wellbeing Line (originally set up as a response to the COVID pandemic). In 2022-2023, the team has referred 142 households to local food banks for emergency food aid, feeding 282 people.</p> <p>Other CPP partners, such as the four South Lanarkshire CAB's together have referred 1,799 clients to the local foodbanks during 2022-2023, including 490 children.</p> <p>Figures are higher compared to previous years because only referrals made by Money Matters were captured previously.</p>	Contextual	-----	3,565	0	0	1,056

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Number of food parcels delivered by food banks	<p>During the period April 2022 to March 2023, 31,929 households were referred to the South Lanarkshire food banks for emergency food assistance, with 57,709 people fed through emergency food parcels (including 35,971 adults and 21,738 children).</p> <p>Compared to the same period last year, the number of households referred to local food banks has increased by almost a fifth (19%). Breaking the figures down to user types, the number of adults accessing emergency food aid during 2022-2023 has grown by 45% compared to 2021-2022, while the number children receiving parcels has increased by a third (33%).</p> <p>Referrals made by the Community Engagement Team and the Citizen Advice Bureau are included in the overall foodbank totals.</p> <p>The rises in both household referrals and adults and children being fed through emergency food aid is reflective of the current cost of living crisis and the rising cost of food, as well as other essentials (energy, services, clothing) and the knock on effect that this is having on household budgets. The recent trends indicates that food bank use is currently at record levels, while the predictions about the continuation of the cost of living crisis linked to the sustained high price for essentials like food and energy would suggest that high demand for emergency food aid will persist for at least for the next 12 months.</p> <p>As well as providing emergency food parcels direct to households in need, selected foodbanks have also looked to develop alternatives designed to provide cash first alternatives and apply dignity principles as a response to food poverty, in line with planned national policy proposals (Scottish Government- 'Ending the need for food banks - draft plan'). As an example of the new approach both East Kilbride Community and Rutherglen/ Cambuslang food banks have issued 613 vouchers for local supermarkets to clients to provide greater control over their food choices.</p>	Contextual	-----	57,709	0	0	41,293



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### Good Food in the Public Sector

#### 3. Improving food in schools and council properties 4. Improving food in public places

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Level of free primary school meals uptake (as proportion of total primary school free meals which could be taken up over the period)	The level of free primary school meals uptake was 73% and therefore the annual target was exceeded. Theme days have assisted uptake levels.	Green	65%	73%	0%	0%	58%
Level of free secondary school meals uptake (as proportion of total secondary school free meals which could be taken up over the period)	The level of free secondary school meals uptake was 43% and therefore the annual target was exceeded despite a slow increase in uptake.	Green	41%	43%	-----	41%	44%
Level of total (free and paid) primary school meal uptake (as proportion of total primary school meals which could be taken up over the period)	Primary school meal uptake for the year was 66% and therefore exceeded the set target.	Green	59%	66%	59%	41%	58%
Level of total (free and paid) secondary school meal uptake (as proportion of total secondary school meals which could be taken up over the period)	Secondary school meal uptake for the year was 38% and therefore exceeded the set target.	Green	35%	38%	47%	24%	36%
Number of lunches served in nursery schools as part of new Scottish Government Early Years Initiative.	571,245 lunches were served, exceeding the set target. This figure is up to and including Period 13.	Green	450,500	571,245	288,486	218,249	438,249
Number of free breakfasts served in primary schools during school days	Number of free breakfasts served in primary schools during school days is 226,919 for the period 1 to 6 and 500,897 for the period 7 to 14.	Contextual	-----	727,816	0	0	0

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Annual public procurement spending on Fairtrade products in schools and council premises	Data was provided by Scotland Excel for the period January 2022 to December 2022 and represents council Fairtrade spending through Scotland Excel contracts.	Contextual	-----	£9,348	-----	£3,890	£4,116
Annual public procurement spending on local food (i.e. food produced or manufactured in Scotland)	<p>Data was provided by Scotland Excel for the period April 2021 to March 2022 (data for the 2022-2023 will be available during Summer 2023). Figures reported here therefore represents the 2021-2022 procurement spending position.</p> <p>Figure represents the share of spending towards food products with the country of origin being Scotland or food products manufactured in Scotland compared to total spending towards food and drink products as part of the Scotland Excel contracts.</p> <p>The breakdown is the following: 22% of the food products are from Scotland and 13% manufactured in Scotland. 100% of the milk is either from Scotland or manufactured in Scotland, 99% of fresh meat, cooked meat, and fresh fish, 20% of frozen food and 12% of groceries.</p>	Contextual	-----	36%	0%	0%	39%



## Good Food Economy

### 5. Supporting a good food retail and catering environment 6. Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Food businesses compliant with food safety statutory requirements	<p>The rating scheme used to determine broad compliance with food safety requirements in food businesses operating within South Lanarkshire and inspected by Environmental Services changed on 1 July 2019. The previous food law rating scheme focused on broad compliance with food hygiene requirements only, whereas the new scheme assesses overall compliance with both food hygiene and food standards legislation.</p> <p>Under the combined old and new food law rating schemes, 96% of food businesses that have been inspected were found to be broadly compliant with both food hygiene and food standards legislation.</p> <p>This compliance figure continues to exceed the annual target set for this measure, and has increased gradually since the new food law rating scheme has come into affect. This is due to the fact that the new food law rating scheme allows local authorities to focus resources on high risk and non-compliant businesses by conducting more frequent inspections in these establishments.</p>	Green	85%	96%	-----	90%	93%
Number of local food businesses engaged with and supported (start-ups and established)	<p>Support to the food and drink sector has been delivered in 2022-2023 through Business Support Grants to eight food and drink businesses in South Lanarkshire totalling approximately £74,000.</p> <p>Three medium businesses (less than 250 employees), one small business (less than 50 employees) and four micro-businesses (less than 10 employees) benefited from the grants.</p> <p>In addition, a further two companies were supported with business advice and referral to specialist support.</p>	Contextual	-----	10	0	0	0

## Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### Good Food Growing

#### 7. Providing food growing opportunities 8. Promoting good food growing and sustainability

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Size of Prime Agriculture Land protected from development	No prime agricultural land was lost as a result of the granting of planning applications.	Green	6,213	6,213	0	0	6,213
Increase in the number of overall plot holders on Council managed food growing sites by March 2023	In comparison to the previous year, the council has provided a further 25 plots, an increase of 7.5%. The target of 10% increase was not achieved due to a delay in delivering a new site in Hamilton. When completed, provision will increase by 27% compared to 2021-2022. The Hamilton site has now received planning approval and the contract for its construction was awarded in February 2023. Work on-site started in May.  In total, the council has three sites under development to be completed in 2023-2024: Chatelherault, Hamilton (potential for 64 new plot holders), Richmond extension, Rutherglen (potential for 18 new plot holders), Cuningar Loop, Rutherglen (potential for a minimum of 58 new plot holders).	Amber	36	25	0	0	31
Increase in the area of council land made available for food growing sites by March 2023	In 2022-2023, the addition of the Lesmahagow Road allotment site in Strathaven added a further 1,191m <sup>2</sup> of land managed by the Council in relation to food growing which equates to a 4% increase. The size of the land provided for Council managed food sites is now 37,555. The target was missed due to delays in the new Chatelherault Allotment site.	Amber	10%	4%	0%	0%	20%
Increase in the overall number of food growing participants on council land including schools, care homes, housing areas and areas managed by community groups or third party organisations by March 2023	The overall number of food growing participants could not be estimated this year due to the partial of information returned by food growing participants.	Red	5.00%	-----	-----	-----	167.00%
Occupancy levels at council managed food growing sites	All plots are either let or have been offered out and are awaiting acceptance of the offer.	Green	98%	99%	0%	0%	99%

## Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### Good Food for the Environment

#### 9. Reducing food waste and packaging 10. Limiting the impact of food system on the environment and climate change

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Share of householders using the council's food waste collection service	Participation rate studies undertaken by the Waste Education team during the period November 2022 - February 2023 indicated that 35% of householders use their burgundy bin to dispose of food waste.	Contextual	-----	35%	-----	-----	-----
Quantity of food waste from school catering as proportion of total food purchased (all food waste is collected by council contractor for recycling/composting)	Snapshot of data from the new food waste pilot developed in schools by Facilities services together with Education services and Waste services show that 1.42% of the food is wasted.	Green	2%	1%	-----	-----	1%

### Good Food Governance

#### 11. Developing and strengthening food partnerships 12. Making good food a priority in the council's area

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Report on the £0.3m Food Strategy Support Fund budget including the community grants by March 2024	<p>£0.27m has been committed, with the breakdown of projects approved in 2022-2023 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-£5,000 for Unpaid Work Service Garden Project (Social Work);</li> <li>-£15,000 to develop additional growing space at Richmond Allotment;</li> <li>-£32,500 to five other projects which were approved for funding in financial year 2021-2022;</li> <li>-£19,550 has been awarded to 21 community groups or partner organisations for the Food Strategy Community Grants.</li> </ul> <p>Initially, £20,000 had been earmarked for Food Strategy Community Grants over two financial years (2022-2023 and 2023-2024). However, due to the popularity of the grants, it was agreed that the full amount would be allocated over one year instead (2022-2023).</p> <p>- £205,000 has been set aside to provide a new allotment site in the Hamilton area. Planning approval was granted for the Chatelherault site in January 2023. The tender has now been awarded and work on site started in May 2023.</p>	Green	£0.300m	£0.270m	£0.000m	£0.000m	£0.000m



Summary (Section 1) - number of Quantitative Measures green, amber and red under each Good Food Strategy objective

Theme	Green	Amber	Red	Report later / Contextual	Total
Good Food at Home and in the Community	1			3	4
Good Food Economy	1			1	2
Good Food for the Environment	1			1	2
Good Food Governance	1				1
Good Food Growing	2	2	1		5
Good Food in the Public Sector	5			3	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>

Summary (Section 2) - number of Project Measures complete, green, amber and red under each Good Food Strategy objective

Theme	Complete	Green	Amber	Red	Report later	Total
Good Food at Home and in the Community		3				3
Good Food in the Public Sector	2					2
Good Food Economy		2				2
Good Food Growing			3			3
Good Food for the Environment	1	2	1			4
Good Food Governance	1	4		1		6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>

# Good Food Strategy

## Section 1: Quantitative measures

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## Section 2: Project measures

## Good Food at Home and in the Community

### 1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food insecurity and poverty

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Work in partnership with community food organisations and partners to identify and support the development of initiatives to tackle food poverty	Activities developed to tackle food insecurity including improving access to food and ensuring those accessing aid receive the advice and support required	<p>Food was distributed following requests to the Community Wellbeing Line by the Community Engagement Team (see section on food parcel distribution).</p> <p>The cash first referral leaflet developed by the Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN) in partnership with the council, Citizen Advice Bureau, local food banks was launched in May 2022. In total, 31 organisations or places have ordered 44,000 leaflets and 81 posters in South Lanarkshire (from the launch to May 2023). An interactive version is also available online and tracking of usage shows that it is one of the most viewed in Scotland.</p> <p>Council employees from Money Matters and the Youth Family and Community Learning service (Education) as well as people with lived experience of food insecurity received train the trainer training on dignity in the context of food insecurity with the objective to train employees and volunteers working with people facing food insecurity issues.</p> <p>In 2022, Summer Session Hubs ran within 14 locations for a duration of 6 weeks with breakfast and lunch service served each day. 834 children from low income families participated with 22,828 meals provided over the duration of the programme.</p> <p>The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board also took the decision to adopt a more integrated approach to food among partners at its meeting in September 2022 and this includes “to work in partnership in order to try to reduce the reliance on food banks faced by people in situation of food poverty, within the area of influence of local CPPs, by prioritising access to emergency financial assistance, money advice and access to holistic support services”. The action plan to progress this objective is now being discussed with the CPP Progress Group.</p>	Green



## Good Food at Home and in the Community

### 1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food insecurity and poverty

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Deliver Kitchen Learning Hub to service users of the Unpaid Work Service in collaboration with Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership	Increased number of service users participating in the hub and gaining REHIS qualifications. Service users report having more confidence to cook healthy meals for themselves and family and report a better understanding of nutrition and impact on their health and wellbeing	Level of uptake with service users participating in the hub continues to be high. Service Users are learning new skills and gaining formal REHIS qualifications. The bread baking workshop is teaching service users the skills to prepare bread which is distributed to local homeless and support services.	Green
Employ an educational gardener to support service users of Unpaid Work Service undertaking food growing as part of their unpaid work	Service users report increased knowledge and skills in gardening and food growing. Opportunity to undertake the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society GLiN Award. Fruit and vegetables grown are distributed to support foodbanks and other community food initiatives promoting access to locally grown affordable produce.	<p>In March 2022, the Unpaid Work Service (UWS) employed an Educational Gardener to start a new project promoting a "seed to plate" approach and placement started in October 2022. It allows service users to grow vegetables within Auchentibber grounds, prepare food and receive education in relation to nutrition.</p> <p>The vegetable garden includes potato, onions, garlic, lettuces, leeks and cabbages. In the poly tunnel, there are carrots, peas, tomatoes, chillies, kale, chard, beans, pumpkins, butternut squash, spring onion and sweetcorn. Fruit trees were also planted.</p> <p>Later in the year, harvest will be used to prepare and cook in the UWS learning hub and to provide food to food banks and people within the community. The project helps by reducing food insecurity and develops service users food education and cooking skills.</p> <p>In relation to pollinating plants, there is also a variety of plants (e.g. cosmos, marigolds, calendula, nasturtiums, honesty, lavatera, hollyhocks, wallflowers and sunflowers). These will encourage bees and other insects to promote pollination.</p> <p>During the last quarter, service users also registered for horticultural qualifications and enjoyed an educational trip to a market garden this summer.</p>	Green

## Good Food in the Public Sector

### 3. Improving food in schools and in council properties 4. Improving food in public places

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
With the Sustainable Food Procurement group, support the progress of the analysis on the capability of Lanarkshire F&D businesses to supply SLC	Progress of the analysis on the capability of Lanarkshire F&D businesses to supply SLC	The analysis on the capability of local food and drink businesses to supply food to the different council buyers was carried out from July to October 2022 with consultants, council services, local businesses and external partners. Results were presented to council officers in November 2022 when the recommendations and next steps were discussed. A meeting with external stakeholders was also held to present the results. A report will be presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 20 September outlining work done to date in relation to report recommendations.	Complete
Promote a food pledge aligned with the SL Good Food definition; meeting the MSC, red tractor and QMS standards for fish, chicken and red meat; and meeting the Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in schools	Food pledge promoted by March 2023	The food pledge is listed on the menu promotional material and SLC website.	Complete

## Good Food Economy

### 5. Supporting a good food retail and catering environment 6. Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Encourage networking amongst the food and drink sector	Demonstrated activities to encourage networking in the sector	The council financially supports the local food and drink business network "Lanarkshire Larder" (along with Scotland Food and Drink and North Lanarkshire Council). The network arranges regular networking events for the food and drink sector. It is now in its second year and has over 60 members in this sector throughout Lanarkshire.	Green
Promote use of local food produce (promotion and events) across business sectors	Demonstrated activities to promote local products	<p>Lanarkshire Larder has received funding from Scotland Food &amp; Drink, South Lanarkshire Council and North Lanarkshire Council to fund a co-ordinator's role to drive its activities. The network also received funding from the Government's Regional Food Fund to help with their branding and funding from VisitScotland's Destination, and Sector Marketing Fund to create food trails across Lanarkshire and to organise a recipe competition using ingredients from the Lanarkshire larder involving schools, local businesses and chefs.</p> <p>Lanarkshire Larder also liaised with New College Lanarkshire to encourage increased use of Lanarkshire produce. Economic Development also worked with South Lanarkshire College about them using more South Lanarkshire products. Together with E3 Hub South Lanarkshire, they produce promotional videos.</p> <p>Several local food and drink businesses also attended the event "Showcasing the Larder of the Lowlands" organised with support from Scotland Food and Drink in April 2023.</p>	Green

## Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### Good Food Growing

#### 7. Providing food growing opportunities 8. Promoting food growing and sustainability

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Develop a council wide Open Space Strategy (OSS) including an assessment of the current quality and location of food growing opportunities and identify potential suitable areas where new or improved provision could be appropriate	Audit of existing open space provision to be completed by mid 2022 and draft OSS by end 2022/2023	The audit was completed in early 2023 and work has commenced on the preparation of the Open Space Strategy and will be considered by the Planning Committee by quarter two 2024.	Amber
Work with local communities who are preparing Local Place Plans for their area to identify opportunities locally to meet any aspirations related to food growing	Corporate response developed and in place by end of Q2	Community bodies are encouraged to prepare Local Place Plans and information on the process is available on the Council website.	Amber
Ensure embedding of health and wellbeing issues in the preparation of Local Development Plan 3 in accordance with the NPF4 and consider the need for interim supporting planning guidance	Progress in the development of the LDP (5 year process with preparation of the Evidence Report commencing later in 2022 including evidence on Lifelong Health and Wellbeing) Publication of planning guidance for any new policy areas emerging from the new National Planning Framework as an interim measure	The preparation of the Local Development Plan has begun following the approval by the Planning Committee in August 2023.	Amber

## Good Food for the Environment

### 9. Reducing food waste and packaging 10. Limiting the impact of food system on the environment and climate change

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Consider extending the food waste collection service	Review of existing service provision and identification of costs associated with extending the service to rural areas or identify alternatives to help residents manage food waste	Waste services is awaiting from the results of national policy developments before taking decisions on the extension of the service to rural areas. Indeed, there is a potential within the proposed Circular Economy (CE) Bill for the rural food waste exemption to be withdrawn and garden waste collection might also become mandatory. The CE bill is expected to go before Scottish Parliament soon.	Amber
Revise the content of the presentations provided by the Waste Education Team to schools in South Lanarkshire to include information about food waste reduction and recycling	Educational material updated by March 2023 including criteria to assess the impact of the educational programme	Waste Education team is working alongside colleagues in Facilities and Education services to stress to our children the importance of food waste reduction within our schools. This initiative involves monitoring the types and levels of food waste produced, school meals and packed lunches. This is an ongoing project.	Green
Continue to reduce the council's reliance on avoidable single-use plastic items for food	Actions to reduce the reliance on single-use plastic items for food across the council	Facility Services is meeting the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 introduced in 1 June 2022.	Complete
Undertake campaigns promoting sustainable food to Council employees and South Lanarkshire residents	Type of campaigns promoting sustainable food	Seasonality food calendars were published on social media and intranet from August 2021 through to August 2022 to show fruits and veg in season every month in Scotland. The Too Good Too Go app was also promoted to employees via emails. Daily communications were also shared during the Food Waste Action week in March. Video and articles were also published on South Lanarkshire View to promote the council grants available to tackle climate change including grants to develop allotments and garden area in schools or nurseries.	Green

## Good Food Governance

### 11. Developing and strengthening food partnerships 12. Making good food a priority in the council's area

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Promote Fairtrade principles in the council's area together with members of the Fairtrade steering group and renew the Fairtrade Zone status of the council	Fairtrade Zone Status renewed by August 2022	The Fairtrade Zone Status of the council was automatically renewed this year by the Fairtrade Foundation.	Complete
	Demonstrated activities promoting Fairtrade principles	On the occasion of World Fair Trade Day in May 2022, the council supported the South Lanarkshire Fairtrade steering group with the organisation of a Fairtrade lunch in the Hillhouse community centre in Hamilton organised with St Ninian's Primary School. Fairtrade towns in South Lanarkshire also organised activities and events during the Fairtrade Fortnight in February 2023 with for instance the installation of Fairtrade banners in Biggar or the organisation of a raffle and talks in schools. Some of the Fairtrade towns have also updated their directories of businesses selling Fairtrade products.	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Encourage and facilitate information sharing among participants of the Good Food Forum and encourage a partnership approach to progress the objective of the food strategy	Demonstrated activities to encourage and facilitate networking and partnership	<p>The "South Lanarkshire Good Food Forum discussion list" made of 52 food stakeholders in the council area has been regularly used to share information such as the development of new local food initiatives or funding opportunities. Support was also provided to several council and non-council food initiatives, and contacts, shared with the objective of increasing networking and partnership.</p> <p>A Food Champion was also nominated at the Executive Committee on 24th August 2022 and his role is to facilitate and increase connections among the increasing number of stakeholders involved in local food actions and initiatives.</p>	Green



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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Pilot the Fork to Farm dialogue meetings to increase understanding and collaboration between the local farming community and the council	Demonstrated activities to increase understanding and collaboration between the local farming community and the council	<p>Several Fork to Farm Dialogue meetings were organised with local farmers, council officers and other representatives from key organisations (NFU, RHET and Lanarkshire Larder).</p> <p>These meetings led to the identification of key potential areas of collaboration between the farming community and the council.</p> <p>Increased links with key farmer organisations also led to the organisation of a Food and Farming event for primary 6 organised by the Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET). Pupils learned about food and farming by taking part to hands-on education activities provided by farmers.</p> <p>Farmers representatives (National Farmers Union Scotland and SAC Consulting) also participated in the external stakeholder workshop aiming to estimate contributors to South Lanarkshire's greenhouse gas emissions and define a route map to reduce them.</p>	Green
Work with partners including the Community Planning Partnership to define and implement collective actions to progress the objectives of the Good Food Strategy	Demonstrated actions to increase partnership working among partners	<p>Following a workshop organised in June 2022 with the Progress Group of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) to discuss how to adopt a more strategic approach to food among partners, recommendations were presented and approved by the CPP Board in September 2022.</p> <p>Recommendations include: (1) mainstreaming and promoting Good Food across the partnership; (2) sharing more information on local food initiatives and increasing networking among partners and within the community; (3) sharing information among partners on priority areas and key areas of influence and considering the development of collective actions; (4) engaging with communities to support them in the development of healthier, fairer, and more sustainable food systems; (5) holding further discussions following future local and national policy developments. The implementation of these recommendations was furthered discussed with the Progress Group in June 2023.</p>	Green
Conduct a mid-term review of the Good Food Strategy	Publication of the mid-term review report	This action has been carried forward to the 2023-2024 action plan and the review will be presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in November 2023.	Red