

‘Report later’ measures

– update of Connect Quarter 4 Progress Report 2019-20

Measure	Comments at Quarter 4 2019/2020	Updated Q4 status	Updated comments
By 1 April 2020 current commissioned carer support services, information and engagement services in respect of young carers will be remodelled	The contract for our Young Carer Support Service has been awarded to Action for Children, who already provide a similar service in a neighbouring local authority. Early engagement with the service provider has been hampered with the current COVID-19 situation. A letter has been drafted to the provider with an estimated service start date of early July.	Green	<p>South Lanarkshire Young Carers Service commenced on 1 July 2020. Action for children have recruited staff, established premises and are in regular contact with Social Work Resources in order to support young carers. Action for children recently provided a detailed presentation to the Carers Partnership Group on 30 July.</p> <p>South Lanarkshire Young Carers Services has come on stream at a difficult time. Engagement with schools has been curtailed due to Covid restrictions, however, the service is engaging well with all partners.</p>
10% reduction in the Council's greenhouse gas emissions achieved by March 2021, compared to 2015/2016 (equivalent to 2% each year)	Carbon emissions for 2019/2020 will be known after the year end and reported around July 2020. Early indications are that emissions will have again decreased throughout 2019/2020.	Green	<p>44% reduction reported up to end 2019/2021.</p> <p>As reported to Corporate Management Team (CMT) on 6 August 2020 there are many reasons for this percentage reduction. Significant savings have been achieved following the LED Street Lighting replacement programme and the transfer of previously landfilled waste to an Energy from Waste plant for processing. Significant reductions in the electricity carbon conversion factor also influenced this figure.</p>

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Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans are developed and reflect community needs and aspirations. Roll out neighbourhood planning processes beyond the three pilot areas to other priority areas in order to co-produce and deliver plans with Community Planning Partners	All work relating to Neighbourhood Planning has been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19.	Green	Neighbourhood plans completed for Fairhill, Cambuslang East and Burnhill. Plans for Blantyre and Larkhall completed by community and support in place for delivery. Preparatory work underway in Fernhill, Whitehill and Eddleston with plans due to follow shortly. Some difficulties in engagement due to COVID-19 restrictions remain which is slowing progress in new areas.
Maintain 3 year business survival rate (Support local businesses through effective company development activity and general business advice services)	Due to current COVID-19 crisis, update is incomplete.	Amber	The source for Business Demography figures is from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2018). The most recent updates (published July 2020) indicated that the 3 year survival rate for registered businesses (or businesses first registered 3 years previously) in South Lanarkshire was 56.3% in the period 2015 to 2018. This represented a drop of -6.2% over the data published last year (62.5%). Although below the set target, there was a significant rise in employment rates over the same period so it may be that these people are migrating to paid employment. Leaving self-employment to a job may be seen as a positive outcome for some, though as we move into the large redundancies expected it's possible this flow will reverse.
A range of local networks and partnerships are in place to enable effective joined up working on key priorities/ improvement areas linked to tackling poverty and inequalities	All work relating to Community Planning has been temporarily suspended while the partners respond to COVID-19.	Green	New networks and partnerships effectively established due to COVID-19 response work. Networks will continue to be developed and linked into Community Planning Partnership processes.

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Work towards the 2020 accredited review of Investors in People (IiP) to achieve gold status	The IiP interim report was presented to CMT on 19 March 2020. The interim report identifies a number of areas of improvement which require specific actions to improve the current position which remains at a silver rating. Resource specific action plans are to be reviewed and updated taking cognisance of data generated via the 2019 Employee Survey. IiP co-ordinator to liaise with Resources to agree timescales and format of plans by end of June 2020.	Amber	Action Plans incorporating feedback from the employee survey are in the process of being developed. This will allow us to continue to invest in and value employees, identify areas for improvement, to allow us to make progress on the current position.

The 'Report later' status of the following LGBF indicators remains the same. As already reported the data will be published in 2021.

Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) Indicators	Comment
Percentage of total household waste that is recycled	These are Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicators. The LGBF results for 2019-20 are due to be published by the Improvement Service in February 2021.
Percentage of primary school pupils (P1, P4, P7 combined) achieving expected Curriculum for Excellence levels in Literacy	
Percentage of invoices sampled that were paid within 30 days - target 92.5%	

(Data/Information correct as at 12 November 2020)