



Council Offices, Almada Street  
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Wednesday, 09 September 2020

Dear Councillor

## **Climate Change and Sustainability Committee**

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the Committee to be held as follows:-

**Date:** Thursday, 17 September 2020  
**Time:** 14:00  
**Venue:** By Microsoft Teams and Committee Room 1,

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

**Cleland Sneddon**  
**Chief Executive**

### **Members**

John Ross (Chair), Maureen Chalmers (Depute Chair), Alex Allison, John Anderson, John Bradley, Robert Brown, Jackie Burns, Stephanie Callaghan, Gerry Convery, Margaret Cooper, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Isobel Dorman, Joe Fagan, Allan Falconer, Ian Harrow, Richard Lockhart, Eileen Logan, Katy Loudon, Joe Lowe, Monique McAdams, Jim McGuigan, Gladys Miller, Lynne Nailon, David Shearer, Margaret B Walker, Jared Wark, Josh Wilson

### **Substitutes**

Andy Carmichael, Poppy Corbett, George Greenshields, Graeme Horne, Mark Horsham, Martin Grant Hose, Ann Le Blond, Hugh Macdonald, Catherine McClymont, Mark McGeever, Richard Nelson, Graham Scott, Collette Stevenson, Bert Thomson, David Watson

## BUSINESS

### 1 Declaration of Interests

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### Urgent Business

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- 9 Urgent Business**  
Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

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# Report

Report to:	<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>17 September 2020</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022-2027</b>
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## **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Seek approval for the review and development of the next Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022-2027

## **2. Recommendation(s)**

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the timetable for the review and development of the next Sustainable Development Strategy 2022-2027 is approved;
- (2) that the revised climate change and sustainability structure to support the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee is noted

## **3. Background**

- 3.1. The Council published its first sustainable development strategy in 2007 in response to sustainability requirements set out by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003. The current strategy is the third sustainable development and climate change strategy, covering the period from 2017-2022.
- 3.2. The current strategy was approved by the Executive Committee on 6 December 2017 and provides a framework for contributing to national outcomes including Scotland's transition to a low carbon economy and building resilience to climate risks.
- 3.3. Since the development of the last strategy there have been many external factors that may have implications for the Council's current strategic approach to sustainable development and climate change and will also impact the pace and scale of implementation. These factors include changes in legislation, for example the new climate change targets of net-zero emissions by 2045; the declaration of a national climate emergency; Brexit; and changes to the socio-economic landscape due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 3.4. In response to the national declaration of a climate emergency, it was agreed at the full Council meeting on 25 September 2019 to establish a committee on Climate

Change and Sustainability to oversee climate change work across the Council. It was also agreed that officers would review the sustainable development and climate change strategy action plan and set new timescales reflecting the growing urgency of the climate change challenge and to meet or exceed the new national targets for Scotland.

- 3.5. Discussions between with senior management and elected members took place during October and November 2019 on the committee's draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and proposed structure. A draft ToR and a proposed structure were presented, in the first instance, to the Standards and Procedures Advisory Forum (SPAF) on the 9 December 2019 for consideration by all Groups. Following the SPAF, and the winter recess, the draft ToR and proposed structure were approved at the full Council meeting on 26 February 2020. The new Climate Change and Sustainability Committee will oversee the implementation of the sustainable development and climate change strategy.
- 3.6. It was agreed that awareness sessions would take place for committee members prior to the first committee meeting scheduled for 25 March 2020, however, due to a special Council meeting convened for the 25 March the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee was re-scheduled for the 13 May 2020. The awareness sessions had been arranged to take place during March 2020, however, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown restrictions both the awareness sessions and the first committee meeting had to be cancelled.
- 3.7. Covid-19 has also impacted the publication of Scotland's revised climate change plan which was due to be released in April 2020 following the new national climate change targets. The climate change plan is essential for guiding the Council's review of actions, therefore, the action plan for 2020-21 has undergone a 'light-touch' review in the absence of Scotland's climate change plan. It is anticipated that the climate change plan, which is subject to a separate report on this agenda, will be released later this year and will be key to the review of the strategy and future action plans.

#### **4. Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022-2027**

- 4.1. The strategy will set out how the Council aims to develop sustainably and tackle climate change over the five-year period. The strategy will also provide a broad strategic direction for longer term planning, beyond the five-year period, to help to deliver on agreed outcomes and contribute to achieving the longer-term vision.
- 4.2. The preparation of the strategy is a comprehensive and lengthy process that consists of different stages and will involve engagement, communication, and consultation with Council Services and employees, partners, relevant stakeholders, the business community, community groups and individuals. The stages are summarised below:

Review Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Determine current position and progress so far</li> <li>➤ Identify strategic issues to address</li> <li>➤ Identify internal and external factors that will have implications for the current strategic approach</li> <li>➤ Consider what needs to be included in the strategy based on current legislation, policies, plans and strategies, and current targets</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Review the current strategy's purpose, vision, themes, and long-term outcomes</li> <li>➤ Identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats</li> </ul>
Development Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Development sessions and workshops – these will involve officers of the Council, elected members, partners and stakeholders, local communities, the business sector, the academic sector, young people, sustainability and climate change professionals, and peer organisations</li> <li>➤ Gather and analyse information</li> <li>➤ Align with other Council priorities, for example economic recovery and community wealth building</li> <li>➤ Determine how we intend to achieve the outcomes and who needs to be involved in delivering them</li> <li>➤ consider which initiatives will have the greatest impact and that will help to achieve the outcomes quicker</li> <li>➤ consider which initiatives are most urgent and make these a priority</li> <li>➤ Set short to mid-term smart goals</li> <li>➤ Agree KPI's to track progress</li> <li>➤ Examine any external or internal issues that can affect the outcomes</li> <li>➤ Consider the longer-term financial plan to support the outcomes</li> <li>➤ Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)</li> <li>➤ Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)</li> <li>➤ Fairer Scotland Assessment</li> <li>➤ Public Consultation</li> </ul>
Implementation Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Develop and implement a communications plan</li> <li>➤ Prepare the first year's action plan and align with finance</li> <li>➤ Make officers clear of their responsibilities and duties in the implementation of the strategy and action plan</li> <li>➤ Develop any necessary training etc.</li> <li>➤ Launch of the strategy</li> </ul>

4.3 A new officers' climate change and sustainability steering group has been established, to support the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee. A copy of the steering group's Terms of Reference can be found at Appendix 1. The development of the strategy will be led by the Council's Sustainable Development Officer with support and direction from the climate change and sustainability steering group.

4.4 Project Review Groups will also be established to work on specific projects to help deliver the outcomes in the sustainable development and climate change strategy. It was also agreed that virtual climate change and sustainability network would be created to build on the already strong network of employees, with a work-related or personal interest in climate change and sustainability, across the Council. A copy of the new officers' climate change and sustainability structure can be found at Appendix 2.

## **5. Scotland's Climate Change Plan**

- 5.1. Scotland's awaited climate change plan is essential in the review and development of the strategy and reviewing climate change targets and timescales for the Council following changes in national carbon reduction targets and the declaration of a climate emergency. The publication of the plan has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 5.2 The Climate Change Secretary, Roseanna Cunningham, wrote to the UK's CCC to request its independent expert advice on the best way forward in the unprecedented health and economics circumstances post-pandemic, and how the climate change plan can contribute, in due course, to a green recovery for Scotland.
- 5.3 The CCC wrote back to the Scottish Government on 6 May agreeing that delaying the climate change plan was the right decision and welcomed the Scottish Government's plans to reframe the plan in the context of a 'green pathway' to aid an economic recovery that is in line with Scotland's statutory net-zero targets. The CCC recommends that there is an integration of climate change policy with post-pandemic social and economic recovery plans and that actions are prioritised according to six principles for a resilient recovery. A copy of the CCC's recommendation can be found at Appendix 3. It is anticipated that the climate change plan will now be published towards the end of the year.
- 5.4 The aim of the new strategy will be to further integrate climate policy within decision making across the Council. Given that the new strategy will not be available until April 2022, it is recommended that in the meantime the Council considers the CCC's six principles in its decision making, particularly:
- avoiding locking in carbon emissions for the long-term that would require costly retrofit or offsetting at a later date; decarbonisation should still be a long-term priority and addressing this early will have a bigger positive impact and cost less, and
  - avoiding adding to the climate risks already identified for the Glasgow city region (as per the risks and opportunities assessment carried out by Climate Ready Clyde)
- 5.5 The strategy will inform and contribute to a 'green pathway' for South Lanarkshire economic recovery plans including consideration of the developing community wealth building agenda. A green economy can play a critical role in supporting the creation of local 'green-collared' jobs and training opportunities, for example through investment in green infrastructure or renewable energy and heat technology businesses; promoting and developing local supply chains; and the use and value of land and property assets that will enhance the environment and local communities.

## **6 Next Steps**

- 6.1 The proposed timeframe below provides the next steps in the review, development and implementation of the next sustainable development and climate change strategy and the Strategic Environmental Assessment process.

<b>Next Steps</b>	<b>Proposed Timeframe</b>
SEA process (see table below for SEA dates)	January 2021 – June 2022
Review stage of the strategy: Agree vision, long-term outcomes, and the structure of the strategy	September – December 2020
Proposed outline structure of next strategy presented to Climate Change and Sustainability Steering Group for endorsement	January 2021
Proposed structure presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee	10 Feb 2021
Development stage of the strategy: development sessions, engagement workshops, gather and analyse information, how we intend to achieve outcomes	Feb – July 2021
First draft of the new strategy presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee	August 2021
Public consultation: partners, local communities, young people etc. – 6 weeks	September – October 2021
Consultation comments considered and reflected in final strategy as appropriate	October 2021
Consultation response findings presented to the Climate Changes and Sustainability Committee	November 2021
Production of desk top designed version of final strategy and environmental statement	November - December 2021
Implementation stage: Communication plan, prepare first year's plan (actions will have been agreed during the development stage), Raise awareness, training	November 2021 – March 2022
Final draft of the new strategy to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee for approval	December 2021
Launch of new strategy	April 2022

### **SEA requirement**

Initial meeting to discuss SEA requirements	7 August 2020
Outline Strategy prepared	January 2021
Screening Report prepared and submitted to SEA Gateway	February 2021
Consultation Authorities consider Screening Report – 4 weeks	March 2021
Screening Determination prepared and submitted to SEA Gateway	By end March 2021
<b>SEA not required</b>	
No further action required other than to ensure SEA considerations reflected in Strategy	
<b>SEA required</b>	
Scoping workshop organised and held	April/May 2021
Scoping Report prepared and submitted to SEA Gateway	By end May 2021
Consultation Authorities consider Scoping Report – 5 weeks	By mid July 2021
Assessment carried out and Environment Report prepared	By end August 2021
Submitted to Gateway and public consultation alongside draft SDCCS – 6 weeks	By 1 September 2021
Consultation comments considered and reflected in final strategy as appropriate	By end October 2021
Strategy finalised for approval	December 2021

Final Strategy launched	1 April 2022
Post Adoption Statement	May/June 2022

6.2. Progress of the strategy's actions will be tracked using agreed performance measures and reported through the steering group in the first instance. Project Review Groups undertaking work on specific projects to deliver on the outcomes in the strategy will also report progress to the steering group. Regular tracking will form part of evaluation and review of the strategy and determine if the targets and timescales are being met, if not, then corrective action can be taken.

6.3 The actions in the strategy will be monitored and reported using the Council's performance management system IMPROVe. Progress reports will be presented to the Corporate Management Team and the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee bi-annually at Q2 and Q4.

## **7. Employee Implications**

7.1 Development of the next strategy will be a key task for the Sustainable Development officer with support and direction from the climate change and sustainability steering group. All Resources will have a responsibility to contribute to the implementation of the strategy to ensure that actions and targets are met.

## **8. Financial Implications**

8.1 Financing the strategy will be explored during the development stage of the strategy and may need to be funded from a range of finance options. Some actions may be funded from existing Resource budgets, however, the scale and pace of action needed to meet climate change targets and address the current climate crisis will require Capital investment and external funding and investment. The development of the strategy may help to leverage in additional funding and investment, however, alternative financial models may need to be considered.

8.2 Council Resources may require to further assess financial impacts and balance these against the social and environmental impacts in line with the principles of sustainable development and best value.

## **9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

9.1 The sustainable development and climate change strategy contributes towards the Public Sector Climate Change Duties, the Biodiversity Duty and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

## **10. Other Implications**

10.1 Failure to meet sustainable development and climate change objectives is one of the Council's top risks, therefore, this strategy will help to mitigate that risk by providing a strategic approach, targets and timescales to tackling climate change and developing sustainably

10.2 The city region's climate risk and opportunities assessment that was prepared through Climate Ready Clyde will also be used in the development of the strategy to identify and mitigate potential risks and maximise opportunities that a changing climate poses.



## **11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 11.1 A public consultation on the strategy and the SEA will be undertaken. The strategy will also undergo an equalities impact assessment and a fairer Scotland assessment.

**Michael McGlynn**

**Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

27 August 2020

### **Link(s) to Council Objectives and Values**

- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Executive Committee report on the Sustainable Development Strategy on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017
- ◆ Full Council meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Climate Change and Sustainability Committee Terms of Reference and Structure

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Sustainable Development Strategy 2007-2011
- ◆ Sustainable Development Strategy 2017-2022
- ◆ The Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

### **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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**Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy**

## Climate Change and Sustainability Steering Group

### Purpose

The Climate Change and Sustainability Steering Group has been established to provide senior-level management and guidance on the action required in the Council's transition to a net-zero economy and society, help to build resilience to climate risks, and address the climate emergency. The Steering Group will also support the Council's Climate Change and Sustainability Committee.

### Responsibilities

1. Provide management guidance on action required to meet the Council's sustainable development and climate change outcomes set in the Sustainable Development and Climate Change strategy
2. Provide leadership in the review of actions and timescales within the Sustainable Development and Climate Change strategy to meet national climate change targets and respond to the climate emergency
3. Support the development and implementation of the City Region's first Climate Change and Adaptation Strategy and associated action plan through Climate Ready Clyde
4. Coordinate the development of the Council's wider climate change and sustainability network and support climate change and sustainability works-streams and projects
5. Establish and monitor project review groups to drive action and innovation in delivering the Council's sustainable development and climate change outcomes
6. Encourage an innovative and collaborative approach to carbon reduction and climate change adaptation projects
7. Ensure that the principles of sustainable development and tackling climate change are embedded in Resource and Service plans, policies and strategies
8. Comply with the Public Sector Climate Change duties and the Biodiversity Duty.
9. Make recommendations to the Council's climate change and sustainability committee in the transition to net zero, and action to tackle the effects of climate change
10. Prepare agenda items for the climate change and sustainability committee meetings
11. Be an advocate for sustainability and climate change across the Council, its committees and in the wider community

### Sustainable Development Outcomes:

- The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced
- The council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources
- The public sector climate change duties are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working
- South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced, and respected
- South Lanarkshire's enhanced environment provides health and wellbeing benefits to local communities
- Homes and communities are energy efficient, environmentally sustainable, and fuel poverty is minimised
- The council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate

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

### **Membership**

Members will be at senior management level with representatives from each Resource and key Services that deliver on the sustainable development and climate change outcomes. The following members have been nominated by their respective Executive Directors:

- Michael McGlynn (Chair), Executive Director of Community and Enterprise Resources
- Shirley Clelland, Head of Fleet and Environmental Health, Community and Enterprise Resources
- Craig Cunningham, NHS Lanarkshire, Health and Social Care Partnership
- Pauline Elliot, Head of Planning and Economic Development
- Gordon MacKay, Head of Roads and Transportation, Community and Enterprise Resources
- Frank McCafferty, Head of Property Services, Housing and Technical Resources
- Alistair McKinnon, Head of Facilities, Waste and Grounds, Community and Enterprise Resources
- Kay McVeigh, Head of Personnel Services, Finance and Corporate Resources
- Lynn Sherry, Head of Education (Support Services and School Estate) (East Kilbride), Education Resources

In addition, Lesley Hinshelwood, Sustainable Development Officer, and Julie Richmond, Carbon Management Officer, will also attend steering group meetings.

### **Meeting Arrangements and Practice**

The Climate Change and Sustainability Project Review Group will meet at least four times per year aligning with the meeting schedule for the climate change and sustainability committee. Ad-hoc meetings may be required as necessary



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Independent advice to government  
on building a low-carbon economy  
and preparing for climate change

## Appendix 3

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Cc: Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP, First Minister of Scotland

6 May 2020

### Building a resilient recovery from the COVID-19 crisis

Dear Minister,

This letter is in response to your request for advice on a 'green recovery for Scotland'. As the Scottish Government considers its approach to rebuilding after the COVID-19 crisis we are writing to advise on how climate policy can play a core part.

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change should be integral to any recovery package. These remain scientific, economic and social imperatives and will only be delivered if ambitious steps are taken by the Scottish Government. There are clear economic, social, and environmental benefits from immediate expansion of the following measures:

- Investments in low-carbon and climate-resilient infrastructure.
- Supporting reskilling, retraining and research for a net-zero, well-adapted economy.
- Upgrades to our homes ensuring they are fit for the future.
- Making it easy for people to walk, cycle, and work remotely.
- Tree planting, peatland restoration, green spaces and other green infrastructure.

Delaying the update to Scotland's Climate Change Plan was the right decision, and we welcome your plans to reframe the Plan in the context of a 'green pathway' to aid an economic recovery that is in line with Scotland's statutory net-zero targets. An updated Plan, in conjunction with Scotland's second Climate Change Adaptation Programme, can help to rebuild Scotland with a stronger economy and increased resilience.

We set out specific opportunities in an annex to this letter. More broadly, we recommend that the Scottish Government, in partnership with Westminster, prioritises actions according to six principles for a resilient recovery.

1. **Use climate investments to support the economic recovery and jobs.** Our previous work has identified a detailed set of investments to reduce emissions and manage the social, environmental and economic impacts of climate change. Many are labour-intensive, spread geographically across the UK and will have high multiplier effects. Each of the Governments of the UK can act to bring these investments forward, often without direct public funding or by

co-financing to accelerate private investment, as part of a targeted and timely stimulus package with lasting, positive impacts. The Scottish National Investment Bank must play a central role if it is to achieve its primary mission of supporting Scotland's transition to net-zero carbon emissions.

2. **Lead a shift towards positive long-term behaviours.** There is an opportunity to embed new social norms, especially for travel, that benefit well-being, improve productivity, and reduce emissions. The Scottish Government can lead the way through its own operations (e.g. encouraging home working and remote medical consultations), through public communications and through infrastructure provision (e.g. prioritising broadband investments over the road network, improving safety for cyclists), and investing in measures to facilitate social distancing on public transport.
3. **Tackle the wider 'resilience deficit' on climate change.** This crisis has emphasised the importance of evidence-led preparations for the key risks facing the country. Comprehensive plans to reduce emissions and to prepare for climate change are not yet in place. Strong policies from across government are needed to reduce our vulnerability to the destructive risks of climate change and to avoid a disorderly transition to net-zero. Business must also play its part, including through full disclosure of climate risks. Plans must be implemented alongside the medium-term response to COVID-19 and will bring benefits to health, well-being and national security.
4. **Embed fairness as a core principle.** The crisis has exacerbated existing inequalities and created new risks to employment in many sectors and regions, placing even greater priority on the fair distribution of policy costs and benefits. The response to the pandemic has disproportionately affected the same lower-income groups and younger people who face the largest long-term impacts of climate change. The benefits of acting on climate change must be shared widely, and the costs must not burden those who are least able to pay or whose livelihoods are most at risk as the economy changes. It is important that the lost or threatened jobs of today should be replaced by those created by the new, resilient economy. The Just Transition Commission puts Scotland in a good position to begin to tackle the challenge of protecting and improving the lives of vulnerable workers, consumers and rural and island communities.
5. **Ensure the recovery does not 'lock-in' greenhouse gas emissions or increased climate risk.** It is right that actions are taken to protect jobs and industries in this immediate crisis, but we must avoid 'lock-in' to higher emissions or increased vulnerability to climate change impacts over the long term. Support for carbon-intensive sectors should be contingent on them taking real and lasting action on climate change, and new investments should be resilient to climate change.
6. **Strengthen incentives to reduce emissions when considering fiscal changes.** Changes in tax policy can aid the transition to net-zero emissions. Many sectors of the UK economy do not currently bear the full costs of emitting greenhouse gases. Revenue could be raised by setting or raising carbon prices for these sectors, and low global oil prices provide an opportunity to offset changes in relative prices without hurting consumers. The UK's future carbon pricing mechanism should be designed to ensure that an appropriate price for carbon is maintained even in times of external shocks, for example through a well-designed floor price. Several of these fiscal levers are reserved to the UK. The Scottish Government must work together with HM Treasury to ensure that the fiscal system is consistent with achieving net-zero emissions in Scotland.

The pandemic is a sharp reminder that the world's most challenging crises do not respect borders and require strong collaborative global action. As president of the COP26 UN climate talks in Glasgow and with incoming presidencies of the G7 and G20 the UK, together with Italy, can help to

steer a positive global response. Our international climate programme on both mitigation and adaptation will be more important than ever.

The credibility of the UK in the COP26 Presidency - and Scotland, as hosts - and as an international leader rests on taking action at home.

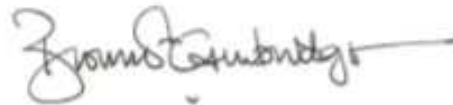
The Committee will expand on this advice in our annual Progress Reports to the UK and Scottish Parliaments later this year, alongside the statutory assessment of progress in reducing emissions. We will also consider how best to reflect the new circumstances in our advice on the level of the Sixth Carbon Budget (2033-2037) and Scottish and Welsh targets in December 2020. The Third UK Climate Change Risk Assessment evidence report is still scheduled for publication in summer 2021, although this date will be kept under review.

We stand ready to continue to support you in steering a course through this crisis and delivering a resilient recovery for all parts of the UK. We have written separately to the Prime Minister and the First Ministers of Wales and Northern Ireland.

Yours ever,



**Lord Deben**  
Chairman, Committee on Climate Change



**Baroness Brown of Cambridge**  
Chair, Adaptation Committee



## **Annex: Integrating climate policies in a resilient recovery**

### **1. The new context for climate policy**

The Governments of the UK have taken unprecedented steps to address the immediate threat to public health from COVID-19. The crisis has emphasised the importance of preparing for systemic risks, and the rapid changes that leaders, businesses and people of the UK can make in times of crisis.

In addressing climate change, it is useful to distinguish between the outlook for the short, medium and long term.

- Short-term conditions are those changed most by the current crisis. This will alter the context for policies to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change. Measures to protect public health, particularly social distancing, will inevitably have an impact on the ability to deliver, physically, some measures in the short term. But it will also be possible to accelerate climate action in new ways, not least because of the common experience of the lockdown: cleaner air, home working, greater appreciation of nature and reduced business travel.
- The medium-term outlook will be influenced by the structural impacts on industry and employment, any lasting behaviour changes following the COVID-19 crisis and by the nature of the any recovery package. Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions have fallen during the crisis, but this is likely to be transient, with only a negligible impact on global warming, despite the radical changes in behaviour that have been required.
- Long term, the climate goals are not changed by the current crisis. Building resilience to climate change and transitioning to a net-zero economy remain scientific and economic imperatives. The systemic challenges and risks are well-understood and can be tackled with strong preparations and strategic policies – we summarised these in our letter to the Prime Minister in December 2019.<sup>1</sup>

It is not yet clear what the medium-term macroeconomic impacts of the crisis will be. There will be demand-side impacts, with job losses, business closures, and smaller pension pots if falls in the stock market prove long-lived. There are also likely to be supply-side effects, with disruption to supply chains, and challenges accessing labour and materials when needed.

### **2. Climate policies to support a resilient recovery**

To mitigate the demand-side effects, there is clear set of investments and other actions that can reduce emissions and prepare for climate change. These climate policies can be delivered in a timely and targeted way to encourage growth, training and jobs in some of the most affected sectors/regions. They have a large multiplier effect, and provide clear co-benefits for public health, well-being and the environment.

The Scottish Government should work with industry and our international partners to alleviate barriers on the supply side that could otherwise hold up progress in the net-zero transition and in increasing our preparedness for climate change.

Addressing the actions below will bring about a major improvement in Scotland's preparedness, building 'resilience headroom' for climate change and a wide range of other possible future shocks. They will also provide a major stimulus to an economic recovery that is built around sectors that are green and growing. Furthermore, they would improve air quality, which is critical to public health, and reduce society's exposure to external shocks (e.g. oil price volatility).

<sup>1</sup> Available at: <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/letter-ccc-writes-to-the-new-prime-minister/>



Particular opportunities that support climate goals and the recovery and can be delivered in the nearer term in the context of social distancing include:

- **Reskilling and retraining programmes.** Scotland has a crucial role to play in delivering training and apprenticeships to develop the new and updated skills that are needed in the transition to net-zero and for the changing climate. In particular, new support to train designers, builders and installers is urgently needed for low-carbon heating (especially heat pumps), energy and water efficiency, passive cooling, ventilation and thermal comfort, and property-level flood resilience. The ability of a decarbonised manufacturing sector to compete in global markets is dependent on having a labour force with the requisite skills, not only in manufacturing products and materials, but also engineering, procurement and construction management services. If suppressed oil prices continue to affect Scottish jobs in the North Sea, we must retrain and redeploy this highly-skilled workforce in future low-carbon industries, including carbon capture and storage (CCS) and offshore and remote island wind.
- **Targeted science and innovation funding.** Research and innovation in low-carbon and adaptation technologies is crucial for achieving our climate goals, the development and diffusion of technologies internationally and driving costs down. The importance of research to understand fully the threats and learn how to manage them has also been highlighted by the COVID-19 crisis. This is equally important in respect of climate change, along with management of the changing energy system. Research and innovation is not the only driver of low-carbon and adaptation technologies, but supporting these activities now will enable medium-term focus on 'learning by doing' by deploying technologies at scale with the backing of good policy and supporting infrastructure.
- **Housing retrofits and building new homes that are fit for the future.** Where the skills to deliver these measures already exist, these projects can begin now, are labour-intensive, and have direct social benefits of more comfortable homes leading to improved well-being and health. New homes must be low-carbon, energy and water efficient and climate resilient, and energy 'passports' for existing homes and local energy plans could be rolled out across Scotland over the next few years. Moreover, deep retrofits to improve carbon and water efficiency and protect against overheating can be provided on a targeted basis, for example for the fuel poor or across social housing. As we emerge from the crisis, supply chains must be developed to extend the provision of whole-house retrofits, including the roll-out of heat pumps and other low-carbon heating, through the Energy Efficient Scotland Programme. This must be supported by investments in skills, training and extending funding for heat pumps in homes off the gas grid to 2025.
- **Strengthening energy system networks.** Electricity networks must be significantly strengthened across the UK to accommodate electrification of heat and transport. There is also an urgent need for measures to provide for more orderly and cooperative onshoring of offshore wind energy. New hydrogen and CCS infrastructure will be needed to support the next phase of the net-zero transition. Post-COVID-19 economic recovery presents an opportunity for governments, regulators and the industry to work together to accelerate these investments. The costs of these will need to be borne at some point as part of the net-zero transition in any case and can be recovered through modest increases in customer bills over periods of several decades.
- **Tree planting, peatland restoration and green infrastructure.** Scotland has the devolved powers and natural capital to lead the UK in delivering transformational land reform. Our net-zero recommendations call for landscape-scale change across the UK, targeted initially to where they are needed most. These measures can deliver significant benefits for the climate, biodiversity, air quality and flood prevention. Tree planting and peatland restoration can both bolster carbon sequestration and better prepare our environment for future climate change. The importance of urban greenspace to people has been highlighted by the COVID-19 crisis, but is in decline both in area and quality.

Restoring parks, urban tree planting, and supporting the green roof and sustainable drainage industries can help to bolster Scotland's adaptation services sector.

- **Making it easy for people to walk, cycle, and work remotely.** Restrictions on movement during this crisis and the potential for longer-lasting social distancing and home-working measures could mean a radically different context for transport policy. Dedicated safe spaces for walking and cycling, more bike parking and support for shared bikes can be tied to new public attitudes towards walking, cycling and green spaces. These local services can be prioritised in the areas of Scotland where investment is needed most. Public transport planning must be consistent with social distancing measures and address new concerns about public health. Transport and land-use planning in Scotland should be closely integrated to encourage walking and cycling, reduce dependency on cars, and bring cleaner air to the places people live. We should ensure that home working remains a widespread option; higher investment in resilient digital technology including 5G and fibre broadband should therefore be prioritised over strengthening the roads network.

Direct public spending on accelerated capital programmes can play a role. Various other levers are also available. These include standards (e.g. for new homes), targeting accelerated progress from regulated companies, co-financing (i.e. using anchor investments to 'crowd-in' private finance), and increased disclosure of climate risks such as recommended by the Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosure (TCFD). Effective policy will require all levels of government to contribute – UK, national, regional and local – along with regulators, businesses and the public.

As we emerge from the immediate health crisis, the medium-term focus should shift towards measures that must be put in place to achieve the UK's Sixth Carbon Budget (covering the period 2033-37, on which we will advise in December) and to adapt to the biggest climate change risks. These include delivering critical infrastructure, land-use change and scaling up low-carbon supply chains (e.g. for heat pumps and electric vehicles) while delivering a just transition for vulnerable workers and consumers alongside high-productivity job creation in new industries.

The UK and Scottish Governments have already declared their intentions to deliver large-scale national infrastructure programmes. Many of these projects are critical to preparing for climate change and achieving net-zero emissions: flood and coastal erosion risk management; electric vehicle charging infrastructure; hydrogen production and carbon storage infrastructure; onshore wind, offshore wind and solar power. Acceleration of these projects should take priority.

High-speed telecommunications to support working from home, remote health consultations and the like are also vitally important. Other major low-carbon infrastructure projects may take more time to develop, but will strengthen the Scottish economy and build climate resilience.

# Report

Report to:	<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>17 September 2020</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy Action Plan 2020-21</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Seek approval for Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy Action Plan for 2020-21.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- 1) That the 2020-21 action plan for the sustainable development and climate change strategy 2017-2022, be approved.
- 2) that it be noted that the progress of the action plan will be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee at Q2 and Q4.

## 3. Background

3.1 The Council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy (SDCCS) was approved on 6 December 2017 and covers a five-year period from 2017 to 2022. The strategy sets out outcomes and actions organised around three sustainable development themes:

- ◆ Sustainable Council
- ◆ Sustainable Environment
- ◆ Sustainable Communities

3.2 Delivery of actions within the strategy provides the main focus for our sustainable development activity and also enables the Council to fulfil its duties under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003, the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and the Council's contribution to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

- 3.3 The strategy action plan sets out specific actions to be undertaken to deliver objectives under each theme. The action plan is monitored using IMPROVe and the previous reporting arrangement was to report progress on the action plan to the Executive Committee following Q2 and Q4. It is proposed that progress on the action plan will now be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee at Q2 and Q4.

#### **4. Action Plan 2020-21**

- 4.1 The actions have been agreed with relevant Services across the Council and have been developed using the sustainable development and climate change framework - this sits within the strategy document and sets out the strategy's outcomes and how we intend to achieve them over the five year period. A copy of the framework can be found at appendix 1.

- 4.2 The action plan has been divided by the key themes outlined at 3.1. Each theme includes:-

- Performance measures providing information on how well the Council is performing against the strategic outcomes in the strategy
- Contextual measures providing a health check against outcomes. The Council contributes to these measures, however, they are wider than the scope and influence of the Council
- Improvement actions that will be taken during 2020-21 to respond to the challenges ahead and contribute to meeting the outcomes in the strategy
- Related Sustainable Development Goals

- 4.3 Due to the lockdown restrictions and summer recess, the action plan for 2020-21 could not be presented to Committee earlier in the year for approval. A copy of the action plan for 2020-21 can be found at Appendix 2 and the Committee is asked to approve the action plan. Progress at Q2 will be presented to the committee at the next meeting scheduled for 4 November 2020.

#### **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1 All Resources are required to contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Climate Change strategy and Carbon Management Plan to ensure that actions and targets are met. The sustainable development officer and carbon management officer monitor and report the Council's progress.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 Actions within the sustainable development and climate change strategy action plan for 2019-20 have been funded from existing Resource budgets or securing external funding.

#### **7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 7.1 The sustainable development and climate change strategy contributes towards the Public Sector Climate Change Duties, the Biodiversity Duty and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The current strategy underwent the Strategic Environmental Assessment process during development.

## **8. Other Implications**

- 8.1 Failure to meet the Council's sustainable development and climate change objectives, as per the strategy, is one of the Council's top risks.

## **9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 9.1 An equality impact assessment was carried out on the Sustainable Development Strategy. Public and stakeholder consultation on the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy was undertaken.

**Michael McGlynn**

**Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

24 August 2020

### **Link(s) to Council Objectives and Values**

Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Executive Committee report on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 entitled 'Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy'

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009
- ◆ Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022
- ◆ UN's Sustainable Development Goals

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## Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy

## Framework: summary of strategic outcomes and how we intend to achieve them

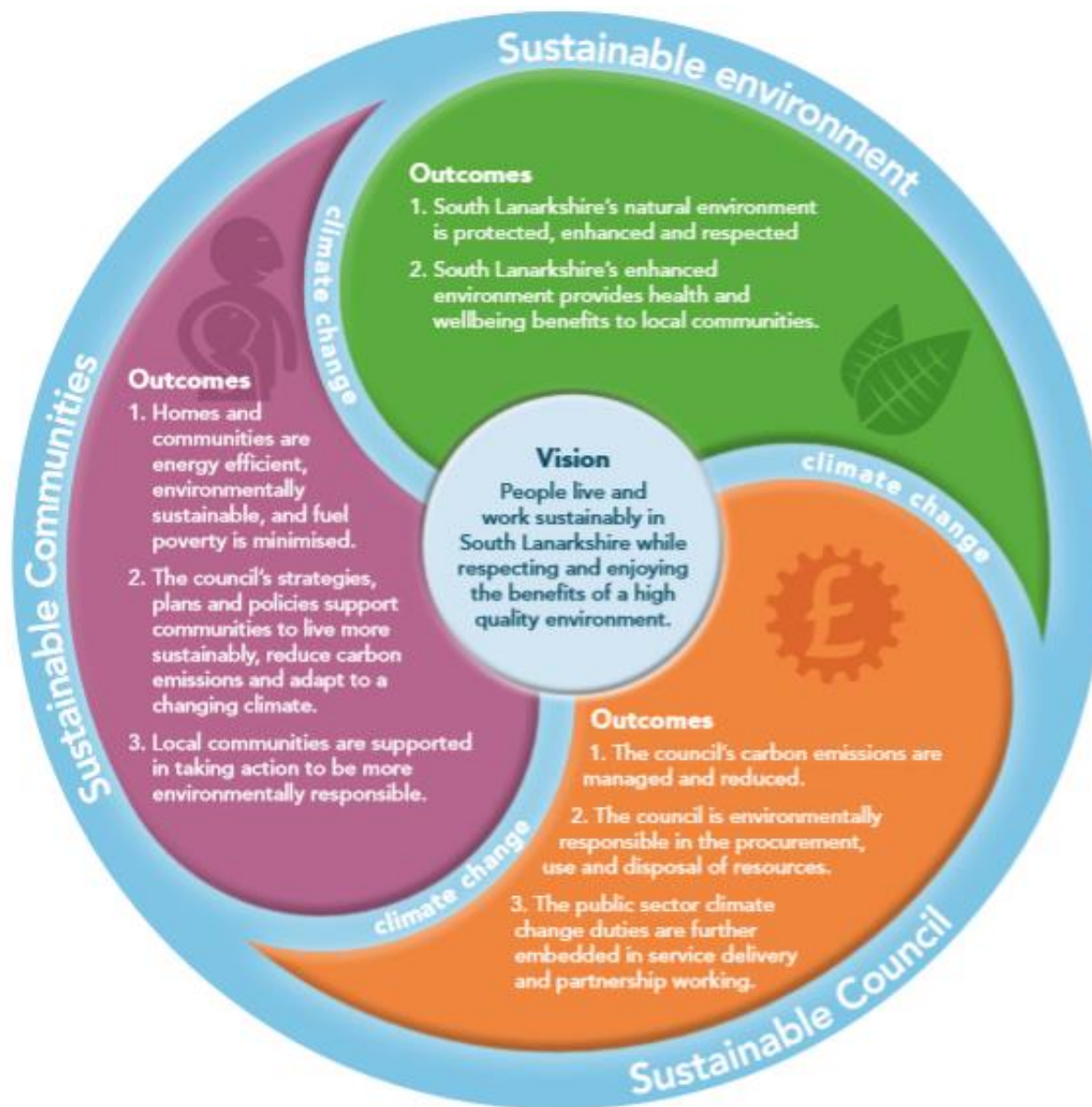
Theme	Outcome	How we intend to achieve outcomes
Sustainable Council	The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced	Implement our Carbon Management Plan to reduce the council's carbon footprint in line with the Scottish Government's targets
		Continue to implement energy efficiency measures across council facilities including investment in renewable and low carbon energy solutions
		Implement measures within the council's fleet to contribute to the Scottish Government's ambition of the decarbonisation of road transport
		Continue to improve the efficiency of our business travel and promote more sustainable travel options for employees
	The council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources	Continue to develop procurement processes to improve environmental outcomes and ensure compliance with the council's sustainable procurement duty
		Create a culture of resource efficiency in the workplace
		Maximise the use of environmentally responsible materials and reduce, reuse and recycle construction waste in new and refurbished council facilities
	The public sector climate change duties are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working	Demonstrate leadership and further develop partnership approaches in sustainable development and climate change action
		Ensure that sustainable development and climate change is used as a guiding principle in council plans, policies and strategies and these incorporate environmental considerations
		Take account of the public sector climate change duties (mitigation, adaptation and acting sustainably) when making decisions about the use of our assets and capital investment in our estate
		Continue to raise awareness of sustainable development and the business impacts of climate change with our employees and develop the skills required across the council to influence and adapt to change

Theme	Outcome	How we intend to achieve outcomes
<b>Sustainable Environment</b>	<b>South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced, and respected</b>	Review and assess air quality throughout South Lanarkshire in line with our Air Quality Strategy
		Ensure our planning and land use policies protect and enhance the natural environment and ecosystem services
		Continue to measure progress and report on the state of South Lanarkshire's environment
		Meet our statutory biodiversity duty by implementing our Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan which will enhance and protect biodiversity through managing our own estate
		Contribute to South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Partnership's action plan ensuring ecosystems are used sustainably and strengthened
		Use our natural environment to help mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change
	<b>South Lanarkshire's enhanced environment provides health and wellbeing benefits to local communities</b>	Continue to develop the Greenspace Strategic Partnership to enable people to learn, play and be physically active outdoors in South Lanarkshire
		Work in partnership to develop and implement South Lanarkshire's Outdoor Access Strategy
		Continue to educate our young people about the local environment in which they live and encourage them to reduce the negative impacts they have upon it
		Provide environmental volunteering opportunities and support community groups to manage local environmental projects

Theme	Outcome	How we intend to achieve outcomes
<b>Sustainable Communities</b>	<b>Homes and communities are energy efficient, environmentally sustainable, and fuel poverty is minimised</b>	Explore options for innovative and affordable low carbon energy and heating solutions in local areas that will contribute towards national climate change ambitions
		Continue to invest in energy efficiency measures in council homes including improvements to the fabric of the building, installation of affordable low carbon heating and the use of renewable technologies
		Work in partnership to provide advice and support to local communities to help increase energy efficiency at home and minimise fuel poverty
		Increase focus on sustainability for new developments through innovative design and delivery, using natural resources and environmentally responsible building materials, and incorporating low carbon energy solutions
		Incorporate inclusive and sustainable place-making principles into the design and delivery of area-based housing development projects and programmes
	<b>That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate</b>	Continue to divert waste from landfill by providing and encouraging the effective use of household waste management services across South Lanarkshire
		Work in partnership to help build resilience in local communities and mitigate against the potential increase of health and social inequalities from the impacts of climate change
		Work in partnership to ensure that local infrastructure is resilient to the impacts of climate change and seek opportunities for including blue-green infrastructure to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change
		Encourage the uptake of low emission vehicles across South Lanarkshire
		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
		Work in partnership to support and encourage sustainable travel choices for people within South Lanarkshire, with emphasis on walking and cycling promoting a healthier lifestyle
		Ensure that opportunities for environmental benefits are realised through our procurement practices and externally funded programmes such as renewable energy fund and developers' contributions
		Supporting renewable energy generation across South Lanarkshire helping to reduce the area's carbon emissions and promote economic growth



		Encourage sustainable production and consumption in the business community and support the growth of a low carbon industry in South Lanarkshire
	<b>Local communities are supported in taking action to be more environmentally responsible</b>	Support communities to access funding for environmentally sustainable projects or action on climate change
		Communicate and engage with communities on environmental and climate change mitigation and adaptation issues empowering further local action
		Support local communities to be more resilient to the impacts of climate change
		Embed sustainability and climate change in the school curriculum and continue to engage young people in environmental education through Eco Schools and similar programmes
		Work in partnership to provide the appropriate skills required for employment opportunities in the low carbon and renewable energy industry
		Devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products



## Theme: Sustainable Council

### Goal

The goal of the Sustainable Council theme is:

**‘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’**

### Impact

The Council will improve its environmental performance; end its contribution to global warming, and service delivery will be resilient to the impacts of a changing climate

### Sustainable Development Goals

Related Sustainable Development Goals for Sustainable Council theme



### Outcomes

We will know we are making good steps towards achieving this theme's goal when:

1. **The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced**
2. **The council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources**
3. **The public sector climate change duties are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working**

### Improvement actions and performance measures

The actions during 2020-21 that contribute towards these outcomes and performance measures for each of the outcomes are listed below:

#### **Outcome 1: The Council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced**

The Council will continue to implement its Carbon Management Plan to reduce its carbon footprint in line with Scotland's national reduction targets of 56% by 2020, 75% by 2030 and 90% by 2040, based on 1990 baseline, and achieving net-zero emissions by

2045. The sources that are included in the scope of the Council's carbon footprint are: energy from Council buildings, household waste, Council fleet, employee business travel, and energy from street lighting.

<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Target</b>
Percentage reduction in the Council's carbon footprint by 10% by March 2021 (Current target was set in 2015-16)	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>10% reduction by March 2021</b> (Council target)
Overall percentage reduction in the Council's carbon footprint compared to Scotland's national target of 75% reduction by 2030 (based on 1990 levels)	<b>1990 levels *</b>	<b>75% reduction by 2030</b> (National Target – Climate Change Bill)
Percentage reduction in energy consumption across the Council's estate for 2020-21 compared to 2013-14 baseline year	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>Reduction in energy consumption</b> (Council Target)
Percentage of non-domestic buildings that are heated through low/zero carbon technologies	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>70% of non-domestic buildings by 2032</b> (National Target – energy route map)
Percentage of the Council's cars and light vehicles that are ultra-low emission vehicles	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>Contextual Measure</b>  Phase out petrol and diesel cars from public sector fleet by 2025  (SG commitment in the 'Programme for Government 2019')
* (assuming a 12% reduction between the Scottish Government's baseline year of 1990 and the Council's baseline year of 2005. This is equivalent to the Scottish Government's percentage reduction for the same period. It equates to 0.8% reduction each year (1990-2005) which is below the average 2% reduction trend each year the Council has been on since 2005 to 2020.)		
<b>Improvement Actions for 2020-21</b>	<b>Measures / Timescales</b>	<b>Lead</b>
Further implement the Carbon Management Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from council services (buildings, waste, transport etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Percentage reduction in the Council's carbon footprint for 2020-21 compared to previous year</li> <li>- Overall percentage reduction in the Council's carbon footprint since the Council's original baseline of 2005-06</li> <li>- Review of Carbon Management Plan update by March 2021</li> </ul>	<p>All Resources</p> <p>CER - Support</p>

Establish new carbon reduction targets for the Council in line with the climate change bill 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review carbon reduction targets and recommend new targets for the Council, with approval from the climate change and sustainability committee by March 2021</li> </ul>	CER - Support
Continue to implement energy efficiency measures across council facilities including investment in renewable energy solutions and low/ zero-carbon heating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Projects delivered as part of the CEEF programme during 2020-21</li> <li>- Agree a strategy for the transition of non-domestic buildings to low/ zero carbon heating</li> </ul>	HTR - Property
Deliver at least 10% reduction in vehicle emissions by March 2021 in accordance with the Council's carbon reduction target	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reduce vehicle emissions in 2020-21 against the baseline of 2014-15</li> <li>- All council Resources will work with Fleet Services to implement the identified actions/initiatives from year one of the council's five-year Fleet Strategy (2020-2025)</li> </ul>	CER - Fleet and Environmental
Enable employees to walk and/ or cycle for business travel and commuting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Activities/initiatives implemented during 20/21 to enable and encourage, where possible, employees to walk and cycle for business travel and commuting</li> <li>- Improve current cycling facilities during 20/21</li> <li>- Develop case study examples from the 'Cycle to Work' Scheme on the impact this scheme has had on staff engaging in active travel</li> </ul>	FCR - Personnel

## Outcome 2: The council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources

The Council will further embed the principles of a circular economy, which is key to sustainable development and improving the Council's environmental performance. This will also help to create a culture of resource efficiency across the Council

Performance Measures	Baseline	Target
Percentage reduction in the procurement of single-use plastic items across the Council compared to the baseline year of 2018-19	2018-19	% Reduction in single-use items procured (Council target)
Design out embodied carbon from construction (new builds and refurbishment)	2020-21	At least 20% of the total value of materials derive from recycled and reused content

Improvement actions for 2020-21	Measures / Timescales	Lead
Continue to develop procurement processes to improve environmental outcomes and ensure compliance with the council's sustainable procurement duty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide training to staff on the flexible framework and prioritisation tools</li> <li>- Update Sourcing Strategy to further embed sustainability measures from evaluation to contract management</li> <li>- Using the prioritisation tool undertake prioritisation assessments for construction, social care and information technology categories</li> </ul>	FCR - Procurement
Promote the 'reduce, reuse and recycle' principle across the Council to make better use of materials and create less damage to the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initiatives implemented during 2020-21 to reduce single use items across the Council</li> <li>- Initiatives implemented during 2020-21 to recycle more within Council workplaces</li> <li>- Introduce a reuse scheme for employees and investigate expanding this to schools</li> <li>- Involvement in national campaigns promoting the circular economy</li> </ul>	All Resources CER – waste CC&S Steering Group CER – support
Establish further baselines for performance measures to demonstrate 'The Council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investigate how to measure and manage emissions from the Council's supply chain</li> <li>- Investigate tools to measure the Council's progress in the transition to a circular economy</li> </ul>	CC&S Steering Group

### Outcome 3: The Public Sector Climate Change Duties are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working

The Council will continue to deliver on its public sector climate change duties - climate change mitigation, climate adaptation, and acting sustainably - and further embed these duties in its activities, decisions, and actions. It will provide leadership on climate change action across the local authority area and work collaboratively with partners and communities in the transition to a net-zero South Lanarkshire and reducing climate risks

Performance Measures	Baseline	Target
Self-evaluation results using Climate Change Assessment Tool	2017	Continued Improvement

Carbon emissions in tonnage for South Lanarkshire (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	2020	Contextual Measure
Percentage reduction on area-wide emissions compared to previous year (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	2019	Contextual Measure
Per capita figure for carbon emissions in South Lanarkshire compared to the Scottish per capita figure (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	2020	Contextual Measure
<b>Improvement actions for 2020-21</b>	<b>Measures / Timescales</b>	<b>Lead</b>
Implement the Council's sustainable development and climate change strategy and action plan to meet agreed outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start the review of the strategy and action plan and progress during 2020-21 as per the timetable approved by committee</li> <li>- Identify and establish project review groups to lead on action to meet the Council's sustainable development and climate change outcomes</li> </ul>	CER – Support  CC&S Steering Group
Continued collaborative approach to climate adaptation for the city region's through the Climate Ready Clyde Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Progress on the development of a region-wide climate adaptation strategy and action plan through the Climate Ready Clyde partnership</li> <li>- Climate Ready Clyde initiatives delivered during 2020-21</li> <li>- Progress on the Clyde Re:Built - Climate KIC's deep demonstration project - during 2020-21</li> </ul>	CER - Support
Ensure Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of all Council led policies, plans, programmes and strategies is undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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</li> </ul>	CER - Planning and Economic Development
Maximise funding to further deliver the Council's climate change duties (mitigate, adapt and act sustainably) across the Council and wider area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Details of funding bids granted to enable climate change mitigation and adaptation projects to be progressed</li> </ul>	All Resources



Prepare for changes being introduced in the annual climate change statutory reporting from 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish a process for aligning and reporting spend against the Council's carbon reduction targets and mitigating climate risks</li> </ul>	CC&S Steering Group
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Examples of the Council's involvement in collaborative approaches to further reduce area-wide emissions and mitigate climate risks</li> <li>- Investigate the potential of establishing a South Lanarkshire Climate Change Charter/Statement to allow businesses to sign up to</li> </ul>	All Resources  CC&S Steering Group

## Theme: Sustainable Environment

### Goal

The goal for the Sustainable Environment theme is:

**'South Lanarkshire's high-quality natural environment and public spaces provides essential services and shared benefits for people and wildlife'**

### Impact

The quality of the natural environment plays a crucial role in people's physical, mental, and social well-being; and local communities should have access to high quality open space within easy walking distance. High-quality public spaces and natural environment is also important from an economic perspective and can attract businesses and investment; and can help to increase house prices in the area. The natural environment provides us with resources essential to meet basic needs like clean air, fresh water, food, medicine, raw materials, and energy (ecosystem services). Biodiversity is a key indicator of a healthy ecosystem. Healthy ecosystems can also provide natural solutions to climate mitigation and adaptation.

### Sustainable Development Goals

Related Sustainable Development Goals for Sustainable Environment theme



### Outcomes

We will know we are making good steps towards achieving this theme's goal when:



1. South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced, and respected
2. South Lanarkshire's enhanced environment provides health and wellbeing benefits to local communities

### **Action and performance measures**

The actions during 2020-21 that contribute towards these outcomes and performance measures for each of the outcomes are listed below:

<b>Outcome 1: South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced, and respected</b>		
The Council will continue to work in partnership to protect, enhance and respect the natural environment and public spaces within South Lanarkshire. This includes South Lanarkshire's countryside and greenspaces, biodiversity, air, and land quality, contaminated and derelict land. The Council has a public sector duty to take care of nature all around us, not just in specific protected sites. The natural environment also provides carbon sinks to help offset carbon emission in our transition to net-zero emissions and helps to reduce the impact from climate risks i.e. flood management solutions and providing cooling and shade.		
<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Target</b>
Percentage of streets found to be acceptable during survey (Local Environmental Audit and Management System street cleanliness score)	<b>2020</b>	<b>Remain at 95%</b>  (Keep Scotland Beautiful Target)
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	<b>2019 report</b>	<b>Contextual Measure</b> Status and trend assessment of the 55 indicators compared to previous report
Number of Local Nature Reserves declared	<b>2020</b>	<b>Increase in the number of LNRs across South Lanarkshire</b>
Proportion of LNRs with active community management groups	<b>2020</b>	<b>100% of designated LNRs</b>
<b>Improvement actions for 2020-21</b>	<b>Measures / Timescales</b>	<b>Lead</b>

Work in partnership to reduce land and air pollution within South Lanarkshire, minimising the impacts on human health and the natural environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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</li> <li>- Implement projects identified within the Air Quality Action Plan for 2020-21 which contributes to improving air quality in south Lanarkshire.</li> <li>- Implement Contaminated Land Strategy for South Lanarkshire</li> <li>- Implement projects approved within the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund framework (as per funding agreed with Scottish Government)</li> </ul>	<p>CER – Grounds</p> <p>CER – Environmental Health</p> <p>CER – Planning and Economic Development</p>
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draft strategy to be presented to Planning Committee for approval by March 2021 and thereafter be subject to public consultation</li> <li>- Establish baseline for proportion of population in South Lanarkshire that has access to good quality open space</li> </ul>	CER – Planning and Economic Development
Implement the Council's Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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</li> </ul>	CER – Countryside and Greenspace
Continue to work in partnership to deliver actions from South Lanarkshire's Biodiversity Strategy 2018-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Council's progress on the delivery of actions from the South Lanarkshire's Biodiversity Strategy during 2020-21</li> <li>- Develop case study examples demonstrating the impact from partnership projects during 2020-21</li> </ul>	CER – Countryside and Greenspace
Maximise the use of our natural environment to help mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Details of nature-based solution projects that contribute to mitigate or adapt to climate change during 2020-21</li> <li>- Through random sampling, estimate south Lanarkshire's canopy cover* <i>(*Trees, woodlands and forests from a bird's</i></li> </ul>	CER – Countryside and Greenspace

	<p>eye view)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seek approval to create a Tree Canopy Cover Strategy that 'manages, protects and enhances', a resilient, healthy and diverse, benefit-generating canopy cover that is in tune with our needs and aspirations and responds to the challenges of our times (including climate change)</li> </ul>	
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## Outcome 2: South Lanarkshire's enhanced environment provides health and wellbeing benefits to local communities

The Council will work in partnership to enable local communities to access the benefits from a healthy and quality natural environment in South Lanarkshire

Performance Measures	Baseline	Target	
Percentage of adults satisfied with parks and open spaces (results from Scottish Household Survey)	2019-20	Maintain or improve on previous survey results (Council Target)	
Improvement actions for 2020-21	Measures / Timescales		Lead
In partnership with local communities, continue programme of restructuring council owned woodland and improving recreational access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consult on Management Plans for Bothwell and Blantyre Woods with community interests, David Livingstone Centre and other stakeholders by March 2021</li> <li>- Continue to explore funding opportunities for phase 2 regeneration work at Greenhall and Millheugh, Blantyre including costed proposals for replacement river crossing</li> </ul>		CER - Facilities Waste and Ground
Contribute to community health and wellbeing through well managed and accessible outdoor and greenspace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continued growth of healthy walking opportunities through the Get Walking Lanarkshire partnership initiative</li> <li>- Retain Green Flag accreditation at Strathaven Park, Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park, through implementation of agreed action plans</li> </ul>		CER - Facilities Waste and Ground

	for 2020-21	
Encourage recreational, and active travel, access to the outdoors by implementing Outdoor Access Strategy and extending Clyde Walkway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Delivery of repairs programme to footbridges across the core path network by March 2021 in line with available external and internal capital funding (The Core Paths Plan)</li> <li>- Develop implementation plan for linking The Clyde Walkway to 'Scotland's Great Trails' long-distance strategic access network.</li> </ul>	CER - Facilities Waste and Ground

## Theme: Sustainable Communities

### Goal

The goal of the Sustainable Communities theme is:

**'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'.**

### Impact

The Council has a responsibility to help those who live, work, and visit South Lanarkshire to do so in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way; and to empower local communities to take climate action and be more environmentally responsible. The Council also has a role to play in ensuring equality in the transition to a net-zero South Lanarkshire; this includes maximising new work opportunities and the upskilling of South Lanarkshire's workforce, reducing inequalities from the impact of climate change, promoting social justice throughout the transition to net-zero, and supporting industries, workers and communities. A more sustainable and environmentally responsible South Lanarkshire could attract more investment to the area and in turn add to sustainable economic growth.

### Sustainable Development Goals

Related Sustainable Development Goals for Sustainable Communities theme



## Outcomes

We will know we are making good steps towards achieving this theme's goal when:

1. Homes and communities are energy efficient, environmentally sustainable, and fuel poverty is minimised
2. That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate
3. Local communities are supported in taking action to be more environmentally responsible

## Action and performance measures

The actions during 2020-21 that contribute towards these outcomes and performance measures for each of the outcomes are listed below:

Outcome 1: Homes and communities are energy efficient, environmentally sustainable, and fuel poverty is minimized		
The Council will continue to invest in energy efficiency in council homes and work with partners to help improve energy efficiency across all tenures in South Lanarkshire and minimise fuel poverty. In the transition to a net-zero society the Council will explore options for innovative and affordable low carbon heating solutions in the local area. There will be an increased focus on sustainability for new builds and refurbishments in the domestic sector through design and construction and incorporating sustainable place-making principles in housing development programmes		
Performance Measures	Baseline	Target
Percentage of Council dwellings that are meeting the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH) by 31st March 2021	2020-21	93.39%  Internal anticipated target

Housing carbon emissions in tonnage for South Lanarkshire (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	2020	Contextual Measure
Percentage reduction on housing area-wide emissions compared to previous year (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	2020	Contextual Measure
Fuel poverty percentage in South Lanarkshire	2020	Contextual Measure
<b>Improvement actions for 2020-21</b>	<b>Measures / Timescales</b>	<b>Lead</b>
Explore options for innovative and affordable low carbon energy and heating solutions in local areas that will contribute towards national climate change ambitions	- During 2020/21 develop and propose a Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) in line with the Scottish Governments pilot programme	HTR
Continue to improve the energy efficiency of the Council's housing stock contributing towards national climate change ambitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Housing Investment Programme continues to incorporate sustainable changes to the Council's housing stock during 2020/21</li> <li>- Establish a baseline for the percentage of Council homes meeting EPC level B by March 2021 – Scottish target is that all socially rented homes must be EPC B rated by 2032</li> </ul>	HTR
		HTR
		HTR
Continue to maximise Home Energy Efficiency Programme funding to support owners and private rented properties	- Total amount of funding secured for 2020-21 for HEEPS: Area Based Scheme	HTR
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 deliver actions within the Fuel Poverty Sub-Group action plan during 2020-2	HTR

**Outcome 2: That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate**

The Council has a role in enabling people in South Lanarkshire to live within environmental limits through its policies, powers,

actions and partnership activities. Supporting communities and businesses in the transition to a net-zero society and economy. Helping local communities build resilience against the impacts of climate change; benefit from any opportunities of a changed climate; and help to minimise the impacts of climate change widening the gap in health and social inequalities

<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Target</b>
Percentage of total household waste that is recycled	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>50%</b>
Percentage of material accepted by the council's paper and card processor	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Increase on 2019/20 figure</b> (internal target)
Percentage of household waste recycled at the council's household waste and recycling centres	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Increase on 2019/20 figure</b> (internal target)
Percentage of household waste sent to landfill in 2020	<b>25.2%</b>	<b>Below 25.2%</b> (internal target)
Percentage of adults satisfied with refuse collection (results from Scottish Household Survey)	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>Increase on 2019/20 figure</b> (internal target)
Number of properties prone to flooding in South Lanarkshire	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>Contextual Measure</b>
Percentage of adults travelling to work or education by active or public transport (Scottish Household Survey)	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>Contextual Measure</b>
Percentage mode share of children travelling to school by active or public transport (annual national 'Hands Up' survey)	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>Contextual Measure</b>
Carbon emissions tonnage for transport emissions in South Lanarkshire (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	<b>2020</b>	<b>Contextual Measure</b>
Percentage reduction in carbon emissions from transport compared to previous year (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	<b>2020</b>	<b>Contextual Measure</b>
Carbon emission tonnage for industry in South Lanarkshire (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	<b>2020</b>	<b>Contextual Measure</b>



Percentage reduction in carbon emissions from industry in South Lanarkshire (figures from BEIS)	<b>2020</b>	<b>Contextual Measure</b>
<b>Improvement actions for 2020-21</b>	<b>Measures / Timescales</b>	<b>Lead</b>
Undertake participation rate study to establish the % of householders using the council's food waste collection service	- Share of household 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	CER – Facilities, waste and grounds
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	CER - Support
Manage flooding priorities and deliver prioritised flood protection schemes	- Progress / deliver prioritised flood protection projects / studies in line with available capital and revenue funding	CER - Roads and Transportation
Deliver new and improved low carbon vehicle charging infrastructure	- Number of charging infrastructure points available to the public within South Lanarkshire	CER – Roads and Transportation
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	CER - Roads and Transportation
Encourage active travel by extending our network of cycle routes and implementing the spaces for people projects	- Progress / deliver walking and cycling projects / schemes in line with agreed 2020-21 capital programme - Progress / deliver the four Spaces for People projects in line with available funding and taking cognisance of Covid19 restrictions / developments and government guidance	CER - Roads and Transportation
Ensure the development of a sustainable food system to overcome social, health, economic and environmental issues related to food	- Implement year one of the Good Food Strategy (2020-2025) Action Plan and monitor its impacts	CER - Support
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	- Supporting Planning Guidance to be presented to committee for approval by March 2021 and thereafter be subject to public consultation. Awareness sessions to be developed for planning officers and developers/agents to ensure roll out	CER – Planning and Building Standards

neutral as possible and resilient to climate change and to encourage the retro fitting of appropriate technology in existing buildings.	guidance in 2021/22	
Review and update guidance for building standards surveyors in relation to climate change mitigation in new buildings and the adaptation of existing buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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 of the in 2021/22</li> </ul>	CER – Planning and Building Standards
Provide advice and support to businesses in the transition to a net-zero economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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</li> <li>- Support provided to Smart Sustainable East Kilbride (SSEK) in the delivery of their action plan priorities for 2020-21</li> </ul>	

### Outcome 3: Local communities are supported in taking action to be more environmentally responsible

The Council will support local communities to enable and empower local action on climate change, sustainability, and the local environment. This would include volunteering opportunities, training and guidance, support for young people through programmes like eco-schools and STEM, working in partnership to help upskill people for employment opportunities in the just transition to a low carbon economy.

Performance Measures	Baseline	Target	
Percentage of schools actively engaged with the eco-schools programme	2019-20	Maintain or increase from previous year	
Number of volunteer days from the Environmental Volunteering programme across South Lanarkshire during 2020-21	2020-21	1,000	
Improvement actions for 2020-21	Measures / Timescales		Lead
Provide environmental volunteering opportunities and support community groups to manage local environmental projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Undertake sample case studies to determine impacts of volunteering (<i>% volunteers expressing positive experience/ health benefits</i>)</li> </ul>		CER - Facilities Waste and Ground

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Details of support provided to community groups during 2020-21 to manage local environmental projects</li> </ul>	
Work towards the introduction of Part 9 of the Community Empowerment Act 2015 in relation to food growing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publish the Food Growing Strategy and implement the Year 1 action plan to continue to increase all types of food growing provision across South Lanarkshire</li> </ul>	CER - Facilities Waste and Ground
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identification and collation of sustainability and climate change activity within the school curriculum during 2020/21 as a single source of information</li> </ul>	Education Resources
Work in partnership to provide the appropriate skills required for employment opportunities in the low carbon and renewable energy industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promotion and tracking of initiatives/events to promote participation in STEM</li> </ul>	Education Resources

# Report

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Report to:	<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>17 September 2020</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Action Plan for the First Year of Implementation of the Good Food Strategy</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

- ♦ provide an update on the progress made in the implementation of the Good Food Strategy and, in particular, the development of the Council action plan
- ♦ seek approval for the action plan for the first year of implementation of the Good Food Strategy

## 2. Recommendations

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendations:

- (1) that the action plan for the first year of implementation of the Good Food Strategy, attached as Appendix 1, is approved; and
- (2) that it be noted that the progress on the action plan will be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee at Quarter 2 and Quarter 4.

## 3. Background

3.1. At its meeting on 12 November 2019, the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee endorsed the Good Food Strategy. The strategy was then approved by the Executive Committee on 4 December 2019. Subsequently, the Community Planning Partnership Board was informed of the strategy on 12 February 2020.

3.2. The Good Food Strategy has a vision and identifies 12 objectives for the development of a Good Food Council. The official launch of the strategy was arranged to take place with a public event scheduled for 26 March 2020. However, due to the global pandemic the event was cancelled.

3.3. Actions were identified, together with relevant Council services involved in food related activities and partners, in order to progress the 12 objectives. An initial report seeking approval of the Good Food Strategy action plan 2020/21 was presented to the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee on 31 March 2020, however, the report was deferred, with comments on the action plan to be addressed.

## 4. Approval, Implementation and Monitoring Framework

4.1 The action plan has been revised in collaboration with Services to take into account the comments. However, due to the lockdown restrictions in place and the summer recess, the action plan could not be presented to Committee earlier in the year for approval.

- 4.2 The actions and measures identified in the action plan for the first year of implementation of the strategy were agreed with Services and it is proposed that progress of the action plan will be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee at Q2 and Q4.
- 4.3 The Food Strategy action plan will use the IMPROVe system to gather the progress from Services and to produce reports. The bi-annual monitoring reports will consist of quantitative and qualitative measures designed to highlight progress against the actions. IMPROVe is currently used across the Council for this purpose and the majority of the officers who will provide updates will already be familiar with this mechanism. Guidance will be provided for officers who are new to IMPROVe.
- 4.4 Broader outcomes and overall impacts of the Strategy will be monitored and reviewed annually following the framework proposed in the Strategy document and against the selected indicators.

## 5. Action Plan content

- 5.1 The action plan is divided by objectives and then by intentions following the structure of the Good Food Strategy and is set out in Appendix 1. It is worth noting that this is the first Good Food Strategy the Council has prepared and, as such, the first action plan to commence implementation. The effectiveness of its implementation will be monitored, and findings reflected in the future iterations of the action plan.
- 5.2 The following Resources and Services were involved in the compilation of the actions and measures to be included in the action plan:
- **Community and Enterprise:** Amenities, Economic Development, Environmental Services, External Funding, Facilities, Leader, Planning, Refuse and Recycling, Sustainable Development and Climate Change;
  - **Education:** Youth, Families and Communities Learning Services;
  - **Finance and Corporate:** Money Matters Advice Service, Healthy Working Lives, Procurement, Scottish Welfare Fund, Tackling Poverty;
  - **Social Work:** Unpaid Work Services.
- 5.3 The action plan consists in 58 actions that can be categorised as follows:
- 36% of the actions were already being undertaken by the Council in 2019/2020;
  - 14% of the actions are improved versions of food related actions that were already being carried out in 2019/2020 but that are now better aligned with the objectives of the strategy;
  - 50% are new actions or actions that have been redefined to focus on food and progress the objectives of the strategy.

For those actions that are new, Services will focus on establishing a baseline that will then be used to determine targets for future measures and reporting purposes.

## 6. Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 6.1. Following the SEA pre-screening exercise and communication with the Scottish Government, it was concluded that no further action was required in relation to the SEA process for the Good Food Strategy.

## 7. Employee Implications

- 7.1 Monitoring the implementation of the action plan is the key task of the Policy Officer (Food Development).

- 7.2 In addition, the implementation of the strategy is the task of Resources and Services involved in food activities as identified during the development of the Good Food Strategy and as indicated in the action plan.

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1 Although there are no financial implications at this stage, specific financial implications related to the implementation of the strategy will be foreseen and reported on a case-by-case basis.

## **9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 9.1 The Good Food Strategy has considered climate change, sustainability and the environment throughout its objectives including: reducing food waste and food packaging in the public sector and supporting the community and private sector to also do so; redistribution of food waste and food composting; and connecting with the community, partners and the private sector to reduce the impacts of the food system and its contribution to climate change, while promoting animal welfare.

- 9.2 The Good Food Strategy supports the outcomes of the current Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy (SDCCS), in particular, Outcome 1.2 of the SDCCS which states that the Council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources.

## **10 Other Implications**

- 10.1. There are no implications for risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

## **11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 11.1. The Equalities Impact Assessment has been conducted and approved.

**Michael McGlynn**

**Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

24 August 2020

## **Links to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives**

- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities
- ◆ Support the local economy by providing the right conditions for inclusive growth
- ◆ Support our communities by tackling disadvantage and deprivation and supporting aspiration

## **Previous References**

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 22 May 2018 - Food Development – Policy Officer
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 22 January 2019 - Proposal for Food Strategy
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 3 September 2019 - Proposal for Food Strategy
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 12 November 2019 - Good Food Strategy
- ◆ Executive Committee 4 December 2019 - Good Food Strategy
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources 31 March 2020 - Action Plan – 1st year of implementation of the Good Food Strategy

## **List of Background Papers**

None

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# Action Plan 2020-2021

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**Theme: Good Food at Home and in the Community**

Objective 1: Supporting good food education and culture			
Action	Measures / Timescale	Resource / Service	Updater/Owner
1. Support and increase the delivery of food educational programmes and initiatives in schools by adopting a whole school approach in collaboration with food stakeholders (e.g. catering service, NHS, food growing organisations, farmer organisations).			
Deliver one pilot <b>cooking courses</b> in schools with parents promoting healthy eating and cooking on a budget	- Impacts of cooking courses on food knowledge and skills (number of parents impacted and type of impacts)	Facilities / C&E (Education)	Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie
Organise <b>educational activities</b> promoting healthy eating in nurseries, primary and secondary schools (e.g. Go fresh clubs; breakfast classroom activities; Better eating-better learning)	- Type of activities delivered - Number of children and schools involved	Facilities / C&E (Education)	Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie
Communicate on the new <b>regulation for Nutritional Requirements</b> for Food and Drink to children, parents, catering staff and teachers through a specific educational programme	- Number of schools, children, parents, catering staff, teachers involved	Facilities / C&E (Education)	Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie

2. Continue to support and expand the development of food knowledge and skills for targeted groups (e.g. Community Payback Unpaid Work, Youth, Family & Community Learning Service, Seniors Together).

Provide 4 <b>cookery food and hygiene sessions</b> per week, deliver Kitchen Learning Hub and 6/8 REHIS courses to Service Users of the <b>Unpaid Work Service</b> in collaboration with Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership (LCFHP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Feedback from participating Service Users on cookery food and hygiene sessions (satisfaction and impact including numbers of Services Users and hours completed)</li> <li>- Number of certificates from REHIS for courses when successfully completed and number of REHIS certificates increasing employability opportunities for Service Users</li> </ul>	Unpaid Work Service/ Social Work	Updater: Caitlin Hendry Owner: Theresa Dunnery
Offer opportunity for Service Users of <b>Unpaid Work Service to grow food</b> , develop knowledge and skills associated with growing vegetables within the Auchentibber Allotment and undertake food growing work in respond to referrals from Community growers/gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Time allocated by Placement Supervisors to overview Service Users involved in Auchentibber allotment</li> <li>- Number of referrals to the Unpaid Work service from Community Growers</li> <li>- Evidence of the work undertaken in relation to such referrals</li> <li>- Number of training sessions delivered and number of participants</li> </ul>	Unpaid Work Service/ Social Work	Updater: Caitlin Hendry Owner: Theresa Dunnery
Deliver REHIS and ASDAN Foodwise Awards and deliver healthy eating programmes (including 'Healthy Eating, Cooking on a Budget and 'Independent Living Cookery Skills') to learners from <b>YFCL</b> service participating in <b>food related learning programmes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of learners who have improved confidence and self-esteem through food related learning programmes</li> <li>- Number of learners who have improved mental health and wellbeing through food related learning programmes</li> </ul>	Youth, Family and Community Learning service/ Education	Updater: Joan McVicar Owner: Anne Donaldson

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of learners who have improved their physical health and wellbeing through food related learning programmes</li> <li>- Number of learners who are better able to support their child/family members health and wellbeing through food related learning programmes</li> <li>- Number of learners who have achieved a nationally recognised award or qualification through food related learning programmes.</li> </ul>		
Deliver <b>learning programmes</b> with partners around <b>agriculture and food growing</b> to learners from <b>YFCL</b> (e.g. Grass Routes, Hairleeshill Community Garden, 'Weed 'em & Reap' East Kilbride)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of learners who have improved confidence and self-esteem through food growing related learning programmes.</li> <li>-Number of learners who have improved mental health and wellbeing through food growing learning programmes.</li> <li>- Number of learners who have improved their physical health and wellbeing through food growing learning programmes.</li> </ul>	Youth, Family and Community Learning service/ Education	Updater: Joan McVicar Owner: Joan McVicar
3. Join and support national campaigns promoting Good Food (e.g. Veg Cities), increase communication around Good Food and support food events.			
Run and support the organisation of the <b>Foraging Fortnight</b> (8 events) and support other food events in South Lanarkshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of people participating to the Foraging Fortnight and having a better understanding of the use of local resources</li> </ul>	LEADER/ C&E	Updater: Kenny Lean Owner: Kenny Lean

## Objective 2: Reducing food poverty and insecurity

Action	Measures / Timescale	Resource / Service	Updater/Owner
1. Increase awareness and understanding of food insecurity and poverty in South Lanarkshire (e.g. prevalence, nature, causes and consequences).			
Monitor the number of <b>food parcels</b> delivered by food banks sharing their data	- Number of food parcels delivered by food banks to understand trends of food insecurity and poverty and inform Council actions and local initiatives.	Tacking poverty/ CPP	Local Child Poverty Action Report - Updater: Gary Ross Owner: Gary Ross
2. Help to prevent chronic and episodic food insecurity and poverty by improving the provision of free or affordable food or its support (free breakfast in all primary schools, free lunch for targeted groups - including free school meals-, lunch clubs for children and older people); improving financial advice through Money Matters; and supporting a partnership approach with community food initiatives and partners.			
Deliver free <b>breakfast</b> in 118 primary schools during all school days	- Uptake of breakfast served (4 weeks basis)	Facilities /C&E (Education)	Service Plan Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie
Deliver free <b>breakfast and lunch</b> during <b>Summer Holiday Hubs</b> to targeted children	- Number of vulnerable children benefiting from free and healthy breakfast and lunch per day during the summer holiday period	Facilities/ C&E (Education)	Updater: Isabel Vietch Owner: Gerry Donachie

Deliver 13 holiday <b>Summer Holiday Hubs</b> for targeted vulnerable children in partnership with 3 <sup>rd</sup> sector organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 670 children participating and % of increase compared to participation during the previous year</li> <li>- Number of participants who have improved their social skills</li> <li>- Number of participants who have improved their physical health and wellbeing</li> <li>- Number of participants who have improved their mental health and wellbeing</li> </ul>	Youth, Family and Community Learning service/ Education	Updater: Joan McVicar Owner: Anne Donaldson
Increase of the <b>uptake of free school meals</b> in secondary schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- % of free school meals uptake in secondary schools</li> <li>- Activities/initiatives to increase the uptake of free school meals</li> </ul>	Facilities/ C&E (Finance, Education)	Local Child Poverty Action Report
Deliver <b>welfare meals</b> for lunch clubs for older people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of affordable and nutritious lunch served per day and in total</li> <li>- Number of lunch clubs/3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations involved</li> </ul>	Facilities/- C&E	Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie
Provide <b>advice/referrals to specific food initiatives</b> to family experiencing food insecurity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of referrals and applications helping families to improve their financial conditions (Best Start Food applications; Healthy Start Voucher applications; Food Bank referrals; School meal applications; Scottish Welfare Fund applications)</li> </ul>	Money Matters/ Finance	Updater: Angela Martin Owner: Angela Martin

3. Respond to food crisis by continuing to assess all applications made to the Scottish Welfare Fund and exploring other options to pursue the transition from emergency food aid to more dignified and empowering approaches by supporting and working with community food initiatives and partners.

Continue to assess applications made to the <b>Scottish Welfare Fund</b> in two working days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- % of application assessed in 2 working days</li> <li>- Annual volume of application</li> <li>- Annual award granted</li> </ul>	Scottish Welfare Fund/ Finance	Updater: Libby Dick Owner: Libby Dick
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**Theme: Good Food in the Public Sector**

<b>Objective 3: Improving food in schools and in council properties</b>			
<b>Action</b>	<b>Measures / Timescale</b>	<b>Resource / Service</b>	<b>Updater/Owner</b>
<b>1. Improve the way the Council source, prepare and promote food in schools with the aim of meeting the Soil Association Food for Life standards.</b>			
Serve nutritious <b>school meals</b> in all nursery, primary and secondary schools	- Number of nutritious meals served per day - % of school meal uptake	Facilities/ C&E	C&E Resource Plan
Meet the new <b>regulation for Nutritional Requirements</b> for Food and Drink in schools	- New regulation met by 26th October 2020	Facilities/ C&E	Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie
Work towards the <b>Food for Life</b> bronze standards in primary schools through an initial assessment and design of an implementation plan to achieve the award in year 2	- Assessment undertaken by 31 March 2022 - Action plan to achieve bronze in year 2 developed by 31 March 2022	Facilities/ C&E	Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie
<b>2. Support employee's health and well-being by meeting the Healthy Living Award.</b>			
Meet the <b>Healthy Living Award</b> in Council properties	- Award achieved by December 2020	Facilities/ C&E	Updater: Alison Johnston Owner: Isabel Veitch

3. Develop and implement a Good Food Charter promoting healthy, local and sustainable food in Council properties.			
Promote a <b>food pledge</b> aligned with the SL Good Food definition for food served in Council properties	- Food pledge promoted by March 2021	Facilities/ C&E	Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie
Evaluate and increase the <b>procurement of local food and sustainable food</b> to be served in Council properties	- Baseline developed to assess food served in Council properties - Actions to improve food in Council properties	Facilities/ C&E (Procurement/C&E)	Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie
4. Support Fairtrade by serving Fairtrade products and promoting its principles.			
Establish a baseline and work towards increased <b>spending in Fairtrade</b> products and promote its principles in Council properties	- % spent in Fairtrade products	Facilities/ C&E (Procurement)	Updater: Isabel Veitch Owner: Gerry Donachie

## Objective 4: Improving food in public places

Action	Measures / Timescale	Resource / Service	Updater/Owner
1. Work with partners to improve the way food is sourced, prepared and served in order to increase the availability of Good Food in public places.			
Work with specific <b>partners</b> to explore opportunities to improve the food they serve so that it is aligned with SL Good Food definition	- Demonstrated initiatives developed by partners showing attempt to move towards good food and development of criteria to assess them	FPO/ C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Operation Manager
2. Collaborate with partners to support the development of a breastfeeding-friendly environment in public places.			
Work with specific Council services and partners to explore opportunities to support the <b>development of a breastfeeding-friendly environment</b> in public places	- Demonstrated activities showing attempt to improve breastfeeding environment and development of criteria to assess them	FPO/ C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Operation Manager
3. Engage with producers and suppliers with the objective of increasing the provision of local food in public places.			
Seek to establish a baseline to monitor public procurement <b>spending in local food</b> (i.e. food produced or manufactured in Scotland and in Lanarkshire).	- Demonstrated activities showing attempt to establish a baseline to monitor spending in food produced or manufactured in Lanarkshire and in Scotland	FPO C&E (Facilities/C&E, Economic Development / C&E, Procurement/ Finance, Social Work)	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Operation Manager

## Theme: Good Food Economy

### Objective 5: Supporting a good food retail and catering environment

Action	Measures / Timescale	Resource / Service	/Updater/Owner
1. Continue to ensure that food businesses comply with food safety standards.			
Secure broad compliance of South Lanarkshire food businesses with <b>food safety</b> statutory requirements	- 85% of businesses broadly compliant with food safety statutory requirements	Environmental Health/ C&E	C&E Resource plan Updater: Sheena Redmond Owner: Karen Wardrope
2. Encourage food retailers and caterers to promote and serve Good Food and in particular healthy food in the vicinity of schools.			
Work with the Food and Drink Federation to encourage <b>product reformulation in 8 food manufacturers and caterers</b> in South Lanarkshire in order to increase offer of healthy food	- % of business involved in product reformulation	Environmental Health/ C&E	Updater: Karen Wardrope Owner: Karen Wardrope
3. Engage with other local authorities and the Scottish Government to identify solutions for the development of healthy and affordable retail and catering food environments.			
Engage with the Scottish Government during consultation on National Planning Framework 4 to understand opportunities to consider <b>health criteria</b>	- Representations to the Scottish Government on proposed NPF4 by Spring 2021	Planning/ C&E	Updater: Tony Finn Owner: Tony Finn

in determining planning applications. In particular explore the role of the planning system to restrict the location of hot food outlets near schools and their proliferation in town and neighbourhood centres.			
4. Explore and support alternative food retail and distribution options that encourage short, fair and sustainable value chains.			
Organisation of an <b>annual event</b> for local food and drink producers including a workshop focusing on exploring opportunities to develop short, fair and sustainable value chains.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 15 businesses interested in exploring alternative food retail and distribution options</li> <li>- Demonstrated activities showing attempt to support the development of alternative food retail and distribution options</li> </ul>	Economic Development/ C&E	Updater: Eliot Jordan Owner: Stephen Keating

Objective 6: Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy			
Action	Measures / Timescale	Resource / Service	Updater/Owner
1. Support local food producers, manufacturers, suppliers and social enterprises in accessing public food procurement with the help of national programmes (e.g. Supplier Development Programme, Partnership for Procurement).			
Organisation of an <b>annual event</b> for local food and drink producers including a workshop focusing on public procurement of local food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 15 businesses interested in accessing public food procurement</li> <li>- Demonstrated activities showing attempt to increase public procurement of local food</li> </ul>	Economic Development/ C&E	Updater: Eliot Jordan Owner: Stephen Keating

2. Encourage connections among local businesses and between businesses and their local communities			
Facilitate (logistics and communication) the organisation of a South Lanarkshire <b>Food Week</b> in collaboration with businesses and other stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 local food businesses involved and 10 food stakeholders</li> <li>- Evidence of increased connections among businesses</li> </ul>	Economic Development/ C&E	Updater: Eliot Jordan Owner: Stephen Keating
3. Showcase and promote the local food sector to South Lanarkshire residents and visitors.			
Facilitate (logistics and communication) the organisation of a South Lanarkshire <b>Food Week</b> in collaboration with businesses and other stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sales/turnover of participating food and drink producers</li> <li>- 10 stakeholders involved in the Food Week</li> <li>- Impact of the Food Week on people participating regarding their awareness of local production/producers</li> </ul>	Economic Development/ C&E	Updater: Eliot Jordan Owner: Stephen Keating
4. Support food businesses willing to implement good practices and promote them.			
Organisation of an <b>annual event</b> for local food and drink producers including workshops focusing on good food practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 15 businesses attending the workshop and interested in changing their practices</li> <li>- Demonstrated activities showing attempt to support the development of good food practices in the private sector</li> </ul>	Economic Development/ C&E	Updater: Eliot Jordan Owner: Stephen Keating

## 5. Promote careers in the food sector.

Investigate opportunities to work with Developing the Young Force to promote to food careers in school	- 2 events organised to promote food careers in school	Economic Development/ C&E	Updater: Eliot Jordan Owner: Stephen Keating
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## Theme: Good Food Growing

### Objective 7: Providing food growing opportunities

Action	Measures / Timescale	Resource / Service	/Updater/Owner
1. Increase the provision of high quality food growing opportunities based on needs. 2. Consider opportunities for the provision of additional food growing opportunities in housing areas, care homes, schools and other public places where there is a demand.			
Identify and develop <b>new sites</b> in the Council's areas to meet demand for food growing	- Increased number of people participating in food growing on Council land in order to progress towards compliance with legislative targets	Amenity Services	Updater: Lisa Inglis Owner: Lynn Carr
Develop a Council wide <b>Open Space Strategy</b> which will include assessment of the current quality and location of food growing opportunities and identify potential suitable areas where new or improved provision could be appropriate	- Open Space Strategy approved by Spring 2021	Planning/C&E	Updater: Sheila Alderson Owner: Tony Finn



Protect <b>Prime Agriculture Land from development</b> as required by Scottish Planning Policy and Local Development Plan policy	- Protection of existing 89 ha of prime agricultural land within South Lanarkshire and annual monitoring of any loss of prime land to development	Planning/C&E	Updater: Sheila Alderson Owner: Tony Finn
3. Contribute to neighbourhood planning initiatives by supporting food growing opportunities where there is a demand.			
Work with local communities who are preparing <b>Local Place Plans</b> for their area to identify opportunities locally to meet any aspirations related to food growing	- Consideration and where appropriate incorporation of community aspirations for the provision of food growing areas within Local Place Plans to increase provision of food growing opportunities	Planning/C&E	Updater: Sheila Alderson Owner: Tony Finn
4. Promote formal and alternative food growing opportunities to South Lanarkshire residents (e.g. fruit trees, community growing sites).			
Work in partnership with Council services and community groups to <b>identify and develop alternative food growing opportunities</b>	- Number of alternative food growing initiatives delivered by or in partnership with the Council	Amenity Services	Updater: Lisa Inglis Owner: Lynn Carr

## Objective 8: Promoting good food growing and sustainability

Action	Measures / Timescale	Resource / Service	Updater/Owner
1. Encourage and provide advice and support to communities or social enterprises who wish to create food growing sites. 2. Support the development of a food growing network to facilitate exchange of good practices, sharing of training or volunteering opportunities, inputs and equipment.			
Facilitate <b>food growing learning and development</b> in the Council's area	- Evidence of network learning and community benefits derived as part of the Food Growing Group activities	Amenity Services	Updater: Lisa Inglis Owner: Lynn Carr
3. Promote and identify opportunities to encourage sustainable food growing practices that will ensure the protection of natural resources and mitigate climate change.			
Consider opportunities to increase <b>biodiversity and reduce climate change impact</b> at new and existing sites	- Impact of these initiatives on biodiversity and climate change (number of initiatives and type and scale of impacts)	Amenity Services	Updater: Lisa Inglis Owner: Lynn Carr

**Theme: Good Food for the Environment**

## Objective 9: Reducing food waste and packaging

Action	Measures / Timescale	Resource / Service	Updater/Owner
1. Monitor the recycling and composting rates of food waste in South Lanarkshire. 2. Reduce avoidable food waste in Council properties and encourage households and the private sector to do so.			
Monitor <b>food waste</b> from <b>school kitchen and dining room</b> and recycling rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quantity of food waste from school kitchen below 1%</li> <li>- Quantity of food waste from dining room below 15%</li> <li>- % of food waste from school kitchen recycled</li> </ul>	Facilities/ C&E	Updater: Isabel Veitch Owner: Gerry Donachie
Undertake participation rate study to establish the % of <b>householders using the council's food waste collection service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share of household 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</li> </ul>	Refuse and recycling/ C&E	Updater: Nicola Maher Owner: Kirsty McGuire
3. Promote the redistribution of food surplus and encourage recycling and recovering of non-avoidable food waste.			
Consider <b>extending the food waste collection service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of existing service provision and identification of costs associated with extending the service to rural areas to inform Council actions in relation to food waste</li> </ul>	Refuse and recycling/ C&E	Updater: M Maher Owner: C Kelly

	collection in the following years of implementation of the strategy		
Support the <b>redistribution of food surplus</b>	- Quantity of food surplus redistributed to vulnerable people (food bank) or sold at affordable prices (food coop)	FPO/ C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Operation Manager
4. Raise awareness about the environmental impact of avoidable food waste and the benefit of composting non-avoidable food waste.			
Revise the content of the presentations the <b>Waste Education Team</b> provide to schools in South Lanarkshire to include information about food waste reduction and recycling'	- Educational material updated by March 2021 including criteria to assess the impact of the educational programme	Refuse and recycling/ C&E	Updater: Nicola Maher Owner: Kirsty McGuire
5. Reduce food packaging in Council properties including the reliance on single-use plastic and encourage households and the private sector to do			
Lead on reducing the council's reliance on <b>avoidable single-use plastic items for food</b>	- Actions to reduce the reliance of single-use plastic items for food across the council	Facilities /C&E (Sustainable Development C&E)	Owner: Gerry Donachie

## Objective 10: Limiting the impact of food system on the environment and climate change

Action	Measures / Timescale	Resource / Service	Updater/Owner
1. Raise awareness about the impact of food systems on the environment and climate change.			
Undertake <b>campaign promoting sustainable food</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At least one campaign promoting sustainable food</li> <li>- Number of people reached</li> </ul>	FPO/ C&E (Healthy Working Lives/ Finance Sustainability and climate change/ C&E)	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Operation Manager
2. Increase the offer for sustainable food in Council properties including food promoting animal welfare.			
<b>Monitor sustainable food</b> served in Council properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 100% fish respecting MSC standards</li> <li>- 100% chicken respecting red tractor standards</li> <li>- 100% red butcher meat respecting QMS standard</li> </ul>	Facilities/C&E (procurement)	Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie
3. Work with partners and the private sector to explore and implement practices that will help to tackle the impact of food systems on the environment and climate change.			
<i>This intention will be considered in future action plans</i>			

## Theme: Good Food Governance

## Objective 11 : Developing and strengthening food partnerships

Action	Measures / Timescale	Resource / Service	Updater/Owner
<b>1. Continue to support key voluntary organisations in particular by securing external funding.</b>			
Maximise <b>external funding opportunities</b> for the development of food related projects and initiatives and provide support and guidance to third sector organisations	- Number and value of funding application made	External funding/ C&E	Updater: Pauline Crisp Owner: Kenny Lean
<b>2. Identify and map local food initiatives to inform food stakeholders, foster collaboration and guide the development of new initiatives.</b>			
Facilitate information sharing around Good Food practices in South Lanarkshire	- Establish an appropriate communication forum/ channel to facilitate info sharing and peer learning - Impact of the new communication channel (traffic and relevance)	FPO/ C&E	Updater: H��l��ne Gourichon Owner: Operation Manager
<b>3. Facilitate partnership at local level depending on needs and priorities.</b>			
Facilitate <b>partnership working</b> with food stakeholders	- Presence of an active multi-stakeholder food partnership	FPO/ C&E	Updater: H��l��ne Gourichon Owner: Operation Manager

	- Development of Terms of Reference for the food partnership		
4. Connect with international and national food networks to benefit from external expertise.			
Continue to liaise with national and international food organisations, network and initiatives	- Actions derived from these connections that support the objectives of the food strategy and assessment of their impacts	FPO/ C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Operation Manager
5. Enhance stakeholders' participation in Council level political dialogue			
<i>This intention will be considered in future action plans</i>			

Objective 12: Making good food a priority in the council's area			
Action	Measures / Timescale	Resource / Service	Updater/Owner
1. Establish an active Council Food Steering Group for monitoring, advisory and decision making.			
Establish a <b>Food Steering Group</b> for monitoring, advisory and decision making	- Presence of an active steering group - Development of Terms of Reference for the steering group		Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Operation Manager

2. Ensure that the objectives of the strategy are considered in all food related strategies, actions, groups and forums.			
Continue to engage with the national government to maximise <b>funding for rural community development</b> including for the development of the agricultural community	- Funding and number of food related programmes secured	Rural development / C&E	Updater: Kenny Lean Owner: Kenny Lean
3. Reinforce collaboration across partners of the Community Planning Partnership to advance the objectives of the strategy.			
Develop <b>action plan for the Community Planning Partnership</b>	- Action plan validated by partners and implemented by March 2021	FPO/C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Operation Manager
4. Work towards the Sustainable Food Places award as a catalyst for positive changes and recognition of the success the Good Food Strategy.			
Join the UK network <b>Sustainable Food Places</b>	- Membership achieved by March 2021 to guarantee a high profile of food initiatives	FPO/C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Operation Manager



# Report

Report to:	<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>17 September 2020</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy Update – Quarter 4 2019-2020</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide an update on the status of Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures at Quarter 4 of 2019-20

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the 2019-20 Q4 position in respect of actions and measures within the Sustainable Development Strategy be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. The Council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy (SDCCS) was approved on 6 December 2017 and covers a five-year period from 2017 to 2022. The strategy sets out outcomes and actions organised around three sustainable development themes:

- ♦ Sustainable Council
- ♦ Sustainable Environment
- ♦ Sustainable Communities

3.2. Delivery of actions within the strategy provides the main focus for our sustainable development activity and also enables the Council to fulfil its duties under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003, the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and the Council's contribution to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

3.3. The strategy action plan sets out specific actions to be undertaken to deliver objectives under each theme. The action plan is monitored using IMPROVe and the previous arrangement was to report progress on the action plan to the Executive Committee following Q2 and Q4. It is proposed that progress on the action plan will now be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee at Q2 and Q4.

#### 4. Sustainable Development Strategy 2019-20 Q4 Update

- 4.1. The action plan for 2019-2020 contains 39 actions across the three strategic themes. Each action has one or more defined measures providing the status for each action. In total, there are 68 measures in the 2019-2020 action plan.
- 4.2. The overall summary of progress at the end of Q4 is as follows:-

Total number of measures		<b>68</b>
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	56 (82%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	7 (10%)
Status - Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target	1 (2%)
Reportable at a later stage / contextual	For some measures, the statistics are not yet available to allow us to report whether the target has been reached or not. These will be reported when available.	4 (6%)

Progress on all objectives, actions and measures is noted at Appendix 1.

- 4.3. The table below provides details on the red measure and the management action taken:-

<b>Theme: Sustainable Environment</b>		
<b>Outcome:</b> South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced and respected		
<b>Measure</b>	<b>Comments/Progress</b>	<b>Action by Manager</b>
Open Space Strategy drafted by end of 2019 in partnership with Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership and other Council services, and thereafter published for public consultation	The technical background analysis to inform the preparation of the Open Space Strategy is currently being undertaken jointly between the Council and the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership.	Awaiting new guidance from Scottish Government on the preparation process and content of open Space Strategies

- 4.4. Some of the highlights during 2019-20 include:-

- ◆ the Council continues to improve its carbon footprint year on year with a 56% reduction at the end of 2019-20 compared to the baseline year 2005-2006
- ◆ continued implementation of the Central Energy Efficiency Fund programme which has helped to reduce energy consumption by 12.31% compared to the

2013-2014 baseline year. Projects during 2019-2020 included LED light replacement in South Vennel and the installation of Solar PV's at Chatelherault Primary School

- ◆ the Council signed up to join many other organisations across the City Region in the Keep Scotland Beautiful 'cup movement'. The aim of the initiative is to reduce the use of paper cups, minimise litter from cups and facilitate paper cup recycling in a bid to minimise the environmental impact of single-use items
- ◆ following the UK and Scottish Government's declaration of a climate emergency, it was agreed that a new Climate Change and Sustainability Committee would be established for South Lanarkshire Council
- ◆ the Council supported community-led local Spring clean events as part of the wider Clean Up Scotland Programme, by providing groups with bags, gloves and litter sticks. Grounds Services also arranged to collect the rubbish and debris that the groups had collected. There were 16 clean ups and 781 participants
- ◆ Beat the Street East Kilbride project was brought to an end early due to COVID-19, however, during the game more than 12,000 people from East Kilbride participated and together they walked, cycled, ran, scooted and wheeled 124,765 miles
- ◆ the completion of vacant and derelict land programme projects during 2019-20 included the creation of high-quality urban greenspace at a former land fill site at Glen Esk in East Kilbride
- ◆ over £7.5 million has been spent on improving the energy efficiency of Council housing stock during 2019/2020. 1069 homes received new energy efficient central heating, 14 homes had external wall insulation fitted and 335 homes had new windows and doors

## **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. All Resources are required to contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Climate Change strategy and Carbon Management Plan to ensure that actions and targets are met. The Sustainable Development Officer and Carbon Management Officer monitor and report the Council's progress.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. Actions within the sustainable development and climate change strategy action plan for 2019-2020 have been funded from existing Resource budgets or securing external funding.

## **7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 7.1. The sustainable development and climate change strategy contributes towards the Public Sector Climate Change Duties, the Biodiversity Duty and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The current strategy underwent the Strategic Environmental Assessment process during development.

## **8. Other Implications**

- 8.1. Failure to meet the Council's sustainable development and climate change objectives, as per the strategy, is one of the Council's top risks.

## **9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 9.1. An equality impact assessment was carried out on the Sustainable Development Strategy. Public and stakeholder consultation on the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy were undertaken.

**Michael McGlynn**

**Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

27 August 2020

### **Link(s) to Council Objectives and Values**

- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Executive Committee report on 6 December 2017 entitled 'Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy'

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009
- ◆ Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022
- ◆ UN's Sustainable Development Goals

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# **South Lanarkshire Council**

## **Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy**

# **improve**

**Performance Report  
Quarter 4 : 2019/20 - 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.

Council Plan objective or theme

Resource Plan objective

Resource Plan action & associated measures.

Progress update against measure.

Measure Status – how are we doing? The “traffic light” codes are:

**Green**

Achieved, or due to achieve with no issues

**Amber**

There may be problems or minor slippage

**Red**

Not on course, major slippage anticipated

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

### Vision and Strategic Direction

#### Improve effective use of our buildings and transport in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Improve effective use of our buildings and transport in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions		Comments / Progress		Status	This Year		Previous Years		
Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)				Target	To date	2008/09	2009/10	Trend
Further implement the carbon management plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions	Reduce the Council's greenhouse gas emissions by March 2010 compared to 2005/06 baseline. Carbon management plan actions covering all key areas of emissions refreshed in March 2011		Current carbon reduction projects cover all resources. These projects will be reviewed and refreshed in March 2011 by members of the carbon management group.	Unknown	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	Not avail	⬇
				Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Switch Off energy campaigns held in October 2010		The carbon management group are currently planning the 2010 energy reduction campaign to align to the national event, 'Energy Saving Week'.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Implement the public sector duty under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.	Review the carbon management plan by January 2011 once guidance on new public sector duties in the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 are clarified		Review of existing Carbon Management Plan on going. Public sector duties within the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 will be taken into account in the revised version of the carbon management plan.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Review of SDS to be started by July 2010, and published for consultation Jan 2011		This action will be delayed due to the departure of the Council's sustainable development officer.	Amber	---	---	---	---	---

#### Ensure efficient use of material resources and to increase recycling of waste and develop more sustainable waste management

Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments / Progress	Status	This Year		Previous Years		
				Target	To date	2008/09	2009/10	Trend
Continue to develop mechanisms for the recycling and of municipal waste in order to achieve Scottish Government waste targets. Review our new contracts for schools and of buildings in order to increase recycling. We will provide effective and household waste collection service	The amount of biodegradable waste sent to landfill	To be reported in the second quarter	Unknown	73,730	Not avail	77,342	73,730	⬆
		second quarter	Unknown	40.0%	Not avail	37.0%	40.2%	⬆
		second quarter	Unknown	1.3 tonnes	Not avail	1.4 tonnes	1.3 tonnes	⬆
			Unknown	208	152	144	152	⬆
			Green	Not avail	£13.45	£64.07	£69.17	⬇
			Green	Not avail	£19.21	£75.47	£80.80	⬇
		consistent with the same period last	Green	95.0%	99.4%	99.0%	98.9%	⬇

Statistics for the current year. The **Target** shows what we want to achieve by the end of the year. The **To Date** column shows how much we have achieved so far.

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Statistics for last 2 years, showing how we are doing over time.

The trend column shows how performance changed between these 2 years



Performance getting better



Performance staying the same



Performance getting worse



Information not yet available



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	16	2		2	20
Sustainable Environment	20		1		21
Sustainable Communities	20	5		2	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>68</b>



## Sustainable Council

### The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Further implement the Carbon Management Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from council services (buildings, waste, transport etc)	10% reduction in the Council's greenhouse gas emissions achieved by March 2021, compared to 2015-16 (equivalent to 2% each year)	Carbon emissions for 2019-20 reduced by a further 32% from the previous year, which from the baseline year of 2015-16 amounts to a 44% reduction. There are many reasons for this. 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.	Green	8.0%	44.0%	7.8%	5.1%	5.5%
Continue to implement energy efficiency measures across council facilities including investment in renewable and low carbon energy solutions	% reduction in energy consumption across the energy portfolio	12.31% reduction relative to 2013/14 base year. Continue to improve year on year.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Agree 2019-20 Central Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF) Programme with CMT	CEEF Programme was approved by CMT on 1 July 2019. The amount available for the programme is approximately £849,000 and includes:-  - installation of LED lighting in council buildings e.g. South Vennel, - installation of PV Panels in schools e.g. Chatelherault Primary School - Boiler Replacements e.g. Hamilton Water Palace.	Green	---	---	---	---	---



# Sustainable Council

## The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	Identify Council buildings with excess heat and carry out property audits to improve energy efficiency during 2019-20	The total for financial year 2019-20 was 154 audits. Feedback from the energy audits are used to help identify potential areas where improvements could be made to relative to energy efficiency. This includes identifying poor user behaviours, maintenance and controls requirements and investment in energy efficiency and carbon emission saving projects. Good examples of the types of improvements made are, signage, timers installed for local water heaters, adjustments to local heating and lighting controls, Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting installations, photovoltaic (PV) installations and Boiler replacements etc, some of which have been funded via the Central Energy Efficiency (CEEf) investment programme.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Deliver at least 10% reduction in vehicle emissions by March 2021 in accordance with the corporate carbon reduction target	Continue to reduce vehicle emissions in 2019-20 against the baseline of 2014-15	The 12.9% reduction in vehicle emissions is a direct consequence of the continued focus on reducing fuel consumption. The procurement of efficient vehicles, the roll out and use of vehicle telematics and other initiatives designed to reduce fuel consumption including reduced engine idling and improved utilisation have contributed to this measure's annual target being achieved.	Green	8.0%	12.9%	6.0%	10.5%	14.0%
	Fleet Services to engage with Resources to develop Service specific vehicle emissions reduction strategies for the period 2019-2021 in line with service delivery requirements	Throughout the year the Fleet Manager has regularly met Resource representatives to support the development of strategies to further reduce fuel consumption and vehicle emissions. The roll out of the new telematics system has enabled representatives to target behaviours that waste fuel including excessive engine idling, speeding, harsh acceleration and braking.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Promote and facilitate opportunities for efficient and sustainable	Review and implement the Council's staff travel plan by March 2020	Travel Plan reviewed and due to be re-issued. Due to COVID19 plan may require further update.	Amber	---	---	---	---	---

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### The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

Action	Measures ( <i>non statistical measures shaded grey</i> )	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
employee travel	Maximise funding opportunities through 2019-20 to implement walking and cycling initiatives	CTW has been in place since 2013 and since then 591 employees have taken part in the scheme. A further 82 employees participated in the June 2019 Campaign.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Increase number of cycle friendly locations by March 2020	Meeting with Cycle Scotland to increase the number of cycle friendly location was cancelled due to lockdown.  The meeting will be re-arranged with Brandon Gate to be an additional location. Expected meeting to take place early September.	Amber	5	4	0	0	0

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

Action	Measures ( <i>non statistical measures shaded grey</i> )	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Continue to develop procurement processes to improve environmental outcomes and ensure compliance with the council's sustainable procurement duty	The Council's Sustainable Procurement Policy to be approved by Council by 31st March 2020	Following updates from Scottish Government Procurements updated guidance is anticipated on embedding sustainability within the Council's Procurement Strategy instead of a separate policy.	Report Later	---	---	---	---	---
	Roll-out of the revised sustainable development policy, which includes the development of employee guidance, by 31st March 2020	Following updates from Scottish Government Procurements updated guidance is anticipated on embedding sustainability within the Council's Procurement Strategy instead of a separate policy.	Report Later	---	---	---	---	---
	Review of sustainability weightings in selected contracts due to renewal during 2019-20	The Sustainability team reviewed the contract for 2019-20 and identified key contracts, including Passenger Transport Services, where sustainability weightings and technical questions were reviewed.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Raise Awareness of waste minimisation and recycling initiatives amongst council staff	Develop awareness raising/educational campaigns to encourage employees to use recycling services in the workplace correctly	Global email and quiz emailed via Sustainability raising awareness of types of material suitable for recycling in the workplace. New collection service piloted in Forrest St, Blantyre to encourage the separation of key recyclables at work as at home.	Green	---	---	---	---	---

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Lead on reducing the council's reliance on avoidable single-use plastic items	Demonstrate action to reduce the reliance of single-use plastic items across the council during 2019-20	Work to reduce the use of, and raise awareness of, single use plastics continues across the Council. Discussions have taken place to introduce the cup movement within Council coffee shops. The cup movement was developed by Keep Scotland Beautiful and was first launched in 2019 initially in the Glasgow City Region. The Council has signed up to join many other organisations across the City Region in the cup movement to reduce the use of paper cups, minimise litter from cups and facilitate paper cup recycling in a bid to reduce the environmental impact of single-use items. The cup movement facilities will be available in Council coffee shops in the new financial year.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Maximise the use of environmentally responsible materials and reduce, reuse and recycle construction waste in new and refurbished council facilities	At least 20% of the total value of materials used during 2019-20 should derive from recycled and reused content in the products and materials selected	Measured through Green Profile on completion of projects.	Green	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	-----

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

Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Ensure council's compliance with 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 2019	The annual climate change duties report was endorsed by the CMT on 24 October 2019 and approved by the Executive Committee on 6 November 2019. Following approval, the report was submitted to the Scottish Government using the online platform prior to the 30 November 2019 deadline.	Green	---	---	---	---	---

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Ensure sustainable development and climate change principles (as per the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022) are mainstreamed across the Council	Demonstrate how sustainable development and climate change principles are mainstreamed within council service delivery	<p>A new sustainability and climate change section was included in the capital programme submission forms where successful submissions would undertake further climate impact screening, if appropriate, to maximise capital investment and avoid costly retrofit at a later stage.</p> <p>A new implications section was introduced into committee reporting. Climate change, sustainability and the natural environment implications must be included in all committee reports.</p> <p>Following the UK and Scottish Government's declaration of a climate emergency it was agreed to establish a new climate change and sustainability committee.</p>	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Ensure Strategic Environmental Assessment of all appropriate policies, plans, programmes and strategies is undertaken	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 2020	The annual report on the number and outcomes of SEAs in 2019-2020 has been prepared and will be presented to the next appropriate Executive Committee meeting. Ten plans have been pre-screened between April 2019 and March 2020. Three further plans are currently subject to SEA. All SEAs are regularly monitored by the Corporate SEA Working Group which met four times during the fiscal year.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Climate change mitigation and adaptation to be considered in future capital investments strengthening sustainable development and best value	Incorporate a sustainability checklist in the capital budget setting process by March 2020	A sustainability checklist was incorporated into Section 3 of the Capital Project Submission forms, which were used in establishing the 2020/21 Capital Programme.	Green	---	---	---	---	---

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				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Continue to raise awareness of the Council's sustainable development objectives and climate change duties and empower employees to take action	Using a wide range of methods, continue to communicate the Council's sustainable development objectives and climate change duties and engage with employees helping to build capacity to take forward action both in the workplace and at home	Many national and local campaigns have been promoted to employees throughout 2019-20. The promotions have included global emails, intranet and web news stories, social media post and Montrose House window displays. The national campaigns have included Recycle Week, Earth Hour, Home Energy Scotland, Step Count Challenges and Pass it on Week. The local campaigns have included the reduction of single use items, cycling surveys and recycling at home and at work.	Green	---	---	---	---	---

## Sustainable Environment

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

Action	Measures ( <i>non statistical measures shaded grey</i> )	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Work in partnership to reduce land and air pollution within South Lanarkshire, minimising the impacts on human health and the natural environmental	Engage with communities on continuing Keep Scotland Beautiful's 'upstream battle' project during 2019-20	KSB selected a number of community groups initially to work on this project. SLC attended the launch and also worked with KSB last year, support was extended to those groups who worked on this project.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Support communities involvement in local Spring cleans and their participation in the wider clean up Scotland Programme during 2019-20	SLC provided support throughout the year to community groups involved in spring cleans and general clean ups. Groups were provided with bags, gloves and litter sticks, grounds services also arranged to collect the rubbish and debris that the groups had collected. There were 16 clean ups and 781 participants.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Introduction of a formal Litter Strategy that identifies a range of options and timescales to promote the new Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse and, in particular, the emphasis on prevention during 2019-20	The Litter Development Officer has now been recruited and work has commenced on the proposal for a litter strategy. Due for completion in 2021/22	Green	---	---	---	---	---

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Status	Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	Implement Air Quality Action Plan by March 2020	<p>The Service continues to work in partnership with Roads and Transportation colleagues to support a number projects that contribute to our air quality action plan. Due to Covid-19 however a number of projects have been put on hold and discussions are ongoing with Scottish Government regarding the longer term delivery impacts and options.</p> <p>Walking and cycling campaign continues, with a joint project with SLLC Active Schools Coordinators currently on hold.</p> <p>Beat the Street East Kilbride project was brought to an end early due to Covid-19. During the game more than 12,000 people from East Kilbride participated and together they walked, cycled, ran, scooted and wheeled 124,765 miles. A tremendous achievement. The project has evolved into Beat the Bug with Dr William Bird, a GP and founder of the company able to give advice and guidance to the Beat the Street community through these challenging times.</p>	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Implement the Contaminated Land Strategy for South Lanarkshire	<p>Work is ongoing on the implementation of the Contaminated Land Strategy. Larger projects underway include the remediation project within the Clyde Gateway area, as well as the regeneration of the former landfill site Glen Esk, East Kilbride into an urban park.</p> <p>Further investigative works have been undertaken to gather data on the condition of a number of historical landfill sites, with a view to supporting other departments should funding be secured for future regeneration of these sites.</p>	Green	---	---	---	---	---

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	Agree Vacant and Derelict Land Fund Programme with Scottish Government and implement projects within approved framework	The Vacant and Derelict Land Programme for 2019-2020 was approved by the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee on 19 March 2019 and approved by Scottish Government in July 2019.  The following projects are now complete: -Clyde Gateway (remediation of chromium contamination at the former Whites Chemical Plant site and former Greggs Bakery site, Shawfield); and -Glen Esk in East Kilbride (creation of high quality urban greenspace at a former land fill site).	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Ensure our planning and land use policies protect and enhance the natural environment and ecosystem services	Open Space Strategy drafted by end of 2019 in partnership with Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership and other council services, and thereafter published for public consultation	The technical background analysis to inform the preparation of the Open Space Strategy is currently being undertaken jointly between the Council and the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership. In addition, new guidance from Scottish Government on the preparation process and content of open Space Strategies is awaited.	Red	---	---	---	---	---
Monitor local environmental conditions through preparation and monitoring of the biennial update of the State of the Environment report	Biennial State of the Environment Report produced, with committee approval by March 2020	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 will be presented to relevant groups and forums thereafter. Work is now ongoing to update The State of the Environment Report on the digital learning platform, glow for use within schools.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
The Council contributes to the enhancement of biodiversity by completing actions identified in the Biodiversity Duty	Provide management statements for 16 proposed Local Nature Reserves to SNH for consultation by March 2020	17 management statements provided to SNH for consultation. SNH will consider these as evidence of appropriate SLC commitment to manage these sites for people and nature. SNH endorsement for these sites is required before the Council can declare these sites as a LNR.	Green	---	---	---	---	---



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				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Implementation Plan	Prepare draft assessment criteria for 193 potential Local Nature Conservation Sites in the greenbelt/urban areas by March 2020	Criteria created and tested. Assessment criteria have been prepared and tested. This will enable potential sites to be assessed. Those passing the test will be recommended as Local Nature Conservation Site within the planning system.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Carry out surveys for 50+ potential Local Nature Conservation Sites by March 2020	61 surveys carried out. Potential LNCS sites are surveyed. The findings are tested against the LNCS criteria to determine if they qualify as a LNCS. Those passing the test will be recommended as Local Nature Conservation Site within the planning system,	Green	---	---	---	---	---
The Council works with the South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Partnership to enhance biodiversity across South Lanarkshire by fulfilling actions identified in the Biodiversity Strategy	Develop an Invasive Non-native Species position statement by March 2020	Document developed and consulted with SLC colleagues.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Continue to monitor habitat management plans for wind farm developments with an annual review of project progress for each site by March 2020	Progress on delivering Habitat Management Plans for wind farm developments are reported (on variable time-scales) by their operators to site-specific Habitat Management Groups (each attended by SLC staff). A compilation of project progress has been deferred until autumn 2020 to input into the Council's Biodiversity Duty Report (at the end of 2020).	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Use our natural environment to help mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change	Peatland Action Funding is used to enhance the natural habitats at Langlands Moss Nature Reserve with initial ground works to be completed by March 2020	Peatland Action funded element of works complete; wider site works ongoing.	Green	---	---	---	---	---

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

Action	Measures ( <i>non statistical measures shaded grey</i> )	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
In partnership with local communities, continue programme of restructuring council owned woodland and	Continue to explore funding opportunities by March 2020 for phase 2 regeneration work at Greenhall and Millheugh, Blantyre including costed proposals for replacement river crossing	Work continues to source funding. Scottish Forestry Funding component agreed in principle but will not be available until 2021	Green	---	---	---	---	---



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

Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
improving recreational access	Funding applications completed for Management Plans for Bothwell and Blantyre Woods by March 2020, through liaison with community interests, David Livingstone Centre and other stakeholders	Management Plan now completed for Bothwell Castle and Blantyre Priory woods. Part funding secured from Scottish Forestry and payment due in May.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Contribute to community health and wellbeing through active lifestyles and well managed and accessible greenspace	Continued delivery of healthy walking opportunities throughout South Lanarkshire via the Get Walking Lanarkshire initiative	Programme will continue with funding from NHS, SNH, NLC and SLC. Exploring option to recruit a project assistant, to be placed with SLC.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Green Flag accreditation at Strathaven Park, Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park retained, through implementation of individual actions set out in the action plans	All green flags retained in summer of 2019.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Encourage active travel and recreational access to the outdoors by implementing Outdoor Access Strategy and extending Clyde Walkway	Continued delivery of repairs programme to footbridges across the core path network by March 2020 in line with available external and internal capital funding	Over 2019-2020:  195 bridges were inspected 14 bridges were repaired 2 bridges were replaced  Inspections were undertaken by Countryside and Greenspace (CAG) staff. Repairs were undertaken by CAG staff and volunteers, replacements were carried out by contractors.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Continued investigation throughout 2019-20 into partnership and external funding opportunities for extension of Clyde Walkway to link with neighbouring long distance routes	Work is continuing, albeit slowly for the past year. Discussions ongoing with Biggar and District Community Heritage Ltd. and other local interests.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Continue to educate our young people about the local environment in which they live and encourage them to reduce the negative impacts they have upon it	Opportunities for children and communities to be part of outdoor and natural play activities are provided during 2019-20	Various opportunities provided across South Lanarkshire including Growing Up Wild programme.	Green	---	---	---	---	---

## Sustainable Communities

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

Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Explore options for innovative and affordable low carbon energy and heating solutions in local areas that will contribute towards national climate change ambitions	During 2019-20 continue to explore options and develop a pilot Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) in line with the Scottish Government pilot programme	The South Lanarkshire LHEES pilot was developed during 2019 and the final report was submitted to the Scottish Government in January 2020. The pilot focussed on identifying potential energy efficiency improvements in the Private Rented Sector and rural areas. Housing and Technical Resources with other Council resources, the Scottish Government and other stakeholders to understand how and when the development of a full LHEES will be progressed for the South Lanarkshire area.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Continue to improve energy efficiency of housing stock to help address fuel poverty	The Housing Investment Programme continues to incorporate sustainable changes to the Council's housing stock during 2019-20	Over £7.5m has been spent on improving the energy efficiency of Council housing stock during 2019/20. 1069 homes received new energy efficient central heating, 14 homes had external wall insulation fitted and 335 homes had new windows and doors.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	% of Council dwellings that are meeting the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH)	The year end figure of 93.39% exceeds the expected compliance rate.	Green	93.10%	93.39%	86.10%	89.40%	91.10%
	Maintain % of Council stock meeting the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF)	The year end figure of 93.22% exceeds the expected compliance rate.	Green	92.9%	93.2%	92.0%	92.1%	92.5%
Continue to maximise Home Energy Efficiency Programme funding to support owners and private rented properties	£2,103,436 funding secured for 2019-20 to carry out energy efficiency work through the HEEPS: Area Based Scheme	Securing owner uptake of the HEEPS funding is challenging and reprogramming of projects has been required as a result. Consultations was due to begin in March, however, all sites were shut down at the end of March due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Although an extension of time was given to complete projects by June 2020 this will no longer be achieved. The site completion date will be reviewed once the construction industry is allow to commence works.	Amber	---	---	---	---	---

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Explore options of assisting all South Lanarkshire residents to reduce fuel and energy costs	Engage with the Scottish Government throughout 2019-20 on setting up and participating in a new national Public Energy Company which aims to offer lower tariffs to customers	Currently awaiting response from Scottish Government on how this will be progressed nationally. South Lanarkshire Council remain an interested observer in a potential new national energy scheme and will engage with other local authorities and the Scottish Government once the national position has been clarified.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Provide and promote energy advice and support to households resulting in warmer homes and helping to reduce fuel poverty	Develop and deliver appropriate partnership actions through the Fuel Poverty Group	<p>Actions within the Fuel Poverty Sub-Group action plan continued to be progressed during 2019-20. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assisting households to remove fuel debt from their account, with 371 cases recorded and over £46,000 of debt written off through interventions.</li> <li>- Reducing overall energy costs by increasing the number of council homes that meet the Energy Efficient Standard for Social Housing in 2019-20 to 93.4%.</li> <li>- Delivering energy advice training to front line officers from a range of housing, health and third sector services to enable them to better support households impacted by fuel poverty.</li> </ul>	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	% of households in fuel poverty (SHCS)	Based on a three year average 2016-18, it is estimated that 20% of households in South Lanarkshire are in fuel poverty. This figure is below the Scottish Average of 25%.	Contextual	-----	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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

Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Encourage householders to participate in recycling	Implementing the Council's Contamination Service Standard where appropriate	Red tagging of household recycling bins extended to all recycling bins and quality of material continues to improve.	Green	---	---	---	---	---

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Action initiatives	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	Ongoing engagement and communication with residents, schools and local community groups to raise awareness of recycling correctly and the waste journey	Face to face engagement suspended in line with social distancing measures. Communication via on-line channels in place to advise householders of current Scottish Government/LA guidance in relation to waste services.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	The percentage of total household waste that is recycled is increased compared to 2018-19 figure	This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2018-19 figures are available (see right and commentary below), however 2019-20 figures will not be available until January 2021.  2018-19 The percentage of total household waste that is recycled decreased in 2018-19 and was slightly lower than the Scottish average. When the new residual waste treatment contract was implemented, the council changed its focus to improving the quality of recyclable material collected at the kerbside instead of extracting low quality/low value material from residual waste. This resulted in lower recycling rates but the material that is collected for recycling has a higher value and viable end destinations. The council will continue to review its policies and practices in order to achieve the Government's recycling and composting target of 60% of household waste by 2020 and 70% by 2025.	Report Later	47.3%	-----	53.0%	47.3%	44.3%
	% of material accepted by the council's paper and card processor (compared to 2018-19 baseline figure)	Figure of 94% covers year to date up to February 2020. Year to date figure is 97% and will meet target of 84% set.	Green	84.0%	97.0%	-----	-----	-----
	% of household waste recycled at the council's household waste and recycling centers	From January to March 2020 56.9% of waste recycled and to year end 64.5% for the five facilities managed and operated by external contractor therefore exceeding target.	Green	60.0%	64.5%	-----	-----	-----

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Action	Measures ( <i>non statistical measures shaded grey</i> )	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Manage flooding priorities and deliver prioritised flood protection schemes	Prioritised flood protection projects / studies progressed / delivered by March 2020 in line with available capital / revenue funding	<p>Waterfoot Road, Thorntonhall: replacement of a collapsed culvert under Waterfoot Road and associated drainage improvements were completed in September 2019.</p> <p>Gilbertfield Road, Cambuslang: design of surface water pumping station and attenuation device was programmed to be complete by end of October 2019, however due to Consultant delays the tender package was not delivered until November 2019. A mini-tender exercise was undertaken in December 2019 and again in early 2020. The tender returns on both occasions were in excess of the available budget, therefore the scope of works was reduced and an interim drainage solution was implemented on site in March 2020.</p> <p>Programme of culvert maintenance: this is an ongoing programme of improvement works improve our network of culvert inlets and their surrounding areas in order to improve the safety of operatives maintaining these assets. Works carried out this year included the construction of suitable access paths, steps, fencing and handrails, and where necessary, the culvert inlet trash screens were repaired or replaced.</p>	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Encourage the uptake of low emissions vehicles across South Lanarkshire	Roll out upgrade to and expansion of electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the network during 2019-20	Slight delay in the installation of new charging points due to Covid-19. However, works are being programmed for completion in the first half of financial year 2020-21.	Amber	---	---	---	---	---

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Action	Measures ( <i>non statistical measures shaded grey</i> )	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Status	Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Encourage greater use of public transport by working with partners to improve public transport infrastructure	Prioritised improvements to bus and rail infrastructure (e.g. Park and ride) progressed / delivered by March 2020 in line with agreed Park and Ride Strategy and available external funding	<p>Planning consent was granted to allow the extension of the Park and Ride facilities at Carstairs Junction. Works are almost complete but have been suspended due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation.</p> <p>Third party land negotiations are complete to secure land for new Park and Ride facilities in Lanark however, due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation the process has not been able to be concluded as the Land Registry is closed.</p> <p>Negotiations were completed with the land purchased by the Council for a new Park and Ride in Cambuslang.</p> <p>Discussions with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) have identified the upgrading of bus stop and shelter infrastructure on the Fernhill Road / Mill Street as well as the Burnside Road / Stonelaw Road corridors in Rutherglen. Works were issued and subsequently completed on the Fernhill and Mill Street corridor. In addition, the expansion of Real Time bus information has been completed at 4 locations.</p>	Amber	---	---	---	---	---

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			Status	Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Encourage active travel by extending our network of cycle routes	Walking and cycling projects / schemes progressed / delivered in line with agreed 2019-20 capital programme	<p>The Active Travel Study in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area is complete. A consultant has been appointed to undertake studies for Carluke and Law area, Lanark and Hamilton. These are ongoing however, the Covid-19 situation has affected the consultation process. These studies are now programmed for completion early in the new financial year. The completed studies will include a proposed identified walking/ cycle network for the towns as well as identifying measures and initiatives to promote sustainable travel.</p> <p>The expansion of the cycle network in East Kilbride will continue following the conclusion of the Active Travel study in the town. The concept design of sections on Churchhill Avenue and towards East Kilbride Railway Station through to East Main Road are complete. The first phase of the route on West Mains Road / East Mains Road are almost complete but have been suspended due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation.</p> <p>Cycle monitoring equipment as well as cycle shelters at various locations were identified and contracts issued for their installation. Works are almost complete but have been suspended due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation.</p>	Amber	---	---	---	---	---
Ensure the development of a sustainable food system to overcome social, health, economic and environmental issues related to food	Council Food Strategy developed and approved by Community and Enterprise Committee by January 2020, with implementation commenced thereafter	<p>The Council Food Strategy was developed and endorsed by Community and Enterprise Committee in November 2019 and approved by the Executive Committee in December 2019. The action plan for the 1st year of implementation has been developed with relevant services.</p>	Green	---	---	---	---	---



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				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Maximise opportunities for community benefits through the procurement process	Work with contractors to ensure that projects such as the Go4SET project for S2 pupils are delivered in accordance with the relevant community benefits commitments through the waste contract	The final of the South Lanarkshire Hub of the Go4SET project was held on 6 March at Headquarters. Representatives from the Engineering Development Trust and Viridor attended. Lesmahagow High School were announced the winners by the Lord Provost. Lesmahagow High School will now represent South Lanarkshire at the National Finals. This event has been rescheduled due to the ongoing restrictions related to the COVID19 pandemic	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Consider options for extension of community benefits and improvements to monitoring and reporting of community benefits by 31st March 2020	The Council approved a new approach to requesting and recording community benefits in December 2019 for implementation in 2020-21.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Allocate EU LEADER and Community Benefit Funds	Leader funding of £4 million is fully committed. The management of the projects is ongoing until the end of 2020. Due to Covid-19 the Scottish Government have provided 3 additional months to complete projects and spend, each project is being managed and monitored.  The Community Benefit Funds have awarded £975,942 of grants since April 2019 through 95 applications, including £195,000 in awards to 39 Community Councils or community groups to deliver micro grants.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Ensure council has development plans which promote sustainable economic growth and regeneration within a low carbon economy and guide decisions on location of new developments and regeneration initiatives	Proposed Local Development Plan 2 submitted to Scottish Ministers by April 2019, with Examination Report containing recommendations submitted by Reporter to Council in late 2019 (plan will be adopted thereafter)	The Examination of the Proposed LDP2 started in October 2019. At present the Reporters are unable to carry out site visits which will delay the production of the report of the examination. No timescale for the submission of the report to the Council has been provided however it is unlikely to be before summer 2020 which in turn will delay adoption of the plan until late 2020/early 2021	Amber	---	---	---	---	---



## Sustainable Communities

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

Action	Measures <i>(non statistical measures shaded grey)</i>	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Provide environmental volunteering opportunities and support community groups to manage local environmental projects	Number of volunteer days achieved as part of Environmental Volunteer programme by March 2020	The number of environmental volunteer days has grown considerably, largely because of new delivery partnerships working within the wide SLC CAG programme; with, for example Clydesdale Community Initiatives. Also, the number of community group partners reporting their own volunteer efforts is increasing.	Green	2,000	8,221	4,369	3,090	1,743
Work towards the introduction of Part 9 of the Community Empowerment Act 2015 in relation to food growing	Undertake the necessary preparatory work and consultation in relation to food growing activity in order to comply with the Act's requirements by March 2020	New sites at Fernbrae Meadows and Murray Recreation now fully let. Planning consent for Lammermoor was approved December 2019 and work due to commence early 2020. Ongoing investigations into other potential sites taking place.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Continue to engage young people, pupils and the wider community in environmental education through Eco schools and similar programmes	Further embed climate change awareness and sustainability in Curriculum for Excellence	The reconvened Sustainability group devised a questionnaire to audit of the work currently undertaken by schools related to climate change and sustainability; the survey was rolled out to all primary establishments in February and was in the process of rollout to secondary schools when events were overtaken by the Covid-19 outbreak and subsequent school closures. When appropriate, schools will be contacted to complete the survey and results analysed to help determine what further support is required at local and national levels.	Green	---	---	---	---	---

# Sustainable Communities

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	Continue to support involvement in programmes and initiatives that help reduce climate change including Eco-schools programme; Earth Hour and Globally Aware Schools	In addition to the Sustainability group's survey/audit, the organisation of a Pupil Conference on Sustainability and the Environment was well underway and due to take place in March 2020. This was postponed in light of the Covid-19 outbreak. All 17 secondary schools and ASN establishments are engaged in this initiative and will showcase their activities related to climate change, eco-schools and sustainability at a future date. Schools continue to engage with Eco-schools/Keep Scotland Beautiful with 66 having achieved their Green Flag and 14 with applications underway. We have Climate Ready Classrooms workshops due to be delivered within SLC which will need to be rescheduled when learners and staff return, physically, to school.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Number of schools involved in Eco schools projects	The newly established Sustainability Group are have begun an audit of all schools to establish those who are currently engaged in Eco-schools projects but not directly pursuing Green Flag status; the figure reported, therefore, is a raw statistic that includes 66 schools that have a valid Eco-Schools Green Flag and 14 schools who have submitted applications (still to be approved).	Green	90	-----	0	0	0

# Report

Report to:	<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>17 September 2020</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Carbon Management Update 2019-2020</b>
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## **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update the Committee with the final carbon management position for 2019-2020

## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendations:

- (1) that the final carbon emission position for 2019-2020 be noted;
- (2) that the review of carbon reduction targets in line with new national targets be noted; and
- (3) that the delayed publication of the Carbon Management Plan update report be noted.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1. The Council's first Carbon Management Plan (CMP) was published in July 2008. This was following the Council's participation in the Carbon Trust's Local Authority Carbon Management Programme and its signing of Scottish Climate Change Declaration in 2006. The Council's carbon footprint has been measured and reported annually since 2005-2006.
- 3.2. The Council's carbon footprint has been reported in the same way since the original baseline year of 2005-2006. The carbon conversion factors were set at that date and have remained the same up to 2018-2019. This has allowed the annual data to accurately reflect the impact of carbon reduction measures without the external influence of fluctuating carbon factors over which the Council has no control, eg. how clean the grid is.
- 3.3. The annual climate change report submitted to Scottish Government includes information on the Council's carbon footprint and uses updated conversion factors each year which are calculated by using the most recent data on the composition of the electricity and gas grid, petrol, diesel and other fuel types. It is now proposed that, from 2019-2020, our carbon footprint is also reported using updated carbon factors each year. This ensures that a more accurate and up to date carbon position is calculated and is in line with national reporting and other public sector organisations.
- 3.4. The carbon conversion factors fluctuate each year, most noticeably for electricity. As the grid becomes cleaner and greener, the carbon associated with generating electricity reduces. Factors for gas, petrol, diesel and oil also fluctuate but not to the same degree. Carbon associated with our waste has also seen significant changes as more is known about the mix of waste collected and what happens when recycling or disposing of it.

- 3.5. The current Carbon Management Plan was published in 2018, and an update report was due to be published at the end of 2020. However, due to the quickly changing landscape of climate change and the UK and Scottish Governments' climate emergency declarations, this has been delayed to take account of new targets set by the Scottish Government.
- 3.6. Following a recommendation from the UK's Committee on Climate Change (CCC), the Scottish Government announced, on 2nd May 2019, plans to amend the Climate Change Bill and commit to a legally binding target of reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2045 at the latest. The Climate Change Plan was due to be published in May 2020 but this has been delayed due to the Covid pandemic. Indications are that this should be published in December 2020.
- 3.7. Publication of the Carbon Management Plan update report has been delayed until the Climate Change Plan has been published and the new public sector carbon reduction targets are known.

#### 4. Carbon Management 2019-20

- 4.1. The Council's carbon emissions in 2019-2020 are detailed in the table below which shows that they have reduced by over 56% compared to the baseline year of 2005-2006. The data for 2019-20 has used the most up to date conversion factors as detailed in 3.3 and so a proportion of the reduction is due to the much reduced electricity conversion factor.

Table 1

<b>Emissions source</b>	<b>Baseline 2005-06</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>% Variance</b>
Buildings (Electricity, Gas, Oil)	69,427	38,219	-31,208	-45.0%
Waste (Household)	61,320	18,279	-43,041	-70.2%
Fleet	10,418	8,418	-2,000	-19.2%
Street Lighting	13,005	1,862	-11,143	-85.7%
Employee Travel	1,795	504	-1,290	-71.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>155,965</b>	<b>67,282</b>	<b>-88,682</b>	<b>-56.9%</b>

- 4.2. The table below demonstrates what the reductions would have been for the last year had we updated our conversion factors in 2018-2019. This allows us to see the effects our actions have had on our carbon footprint without the outside influence of fluctuating carbon conversion factors.

Table 2

<b>Emissions source</b>	<b>2018-19 updated factors</b>	<b>2019-20 updated factors</b>	<b>% Variance</b>
Buildings (Electricity, Gas, Oil)	38,752	38,219	-1.4%
Waste (Household)	40,643	18,279	-55.0%
Fleet	8,718	8,418	-3.4%
Street Lighting	2,191	1,862	-15.0%
Employee Travel	535	504	-5.7%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>90,839</b>	<b>67,282</b>	<b>-25.9%</b>

#### 4.3 Buildings

- 4.3.1 Electricity consumption decreased by 2% which is due to successful PV and LED installations as well as the ongoing Caird Street decommissioning. Gas consumption increased very slightly due to the cooler weather in 2019-2020 which has been corroborated by local degree day data which shows that there would have been a 1.4% reduction if not for the outside temperature variance. Oil consumption showed a significant increase but this is because of new reporting arrangements making this year as accurate as it has ever been.
- 4.3.2 Overall, despite the reductions due to the updated conversion factor, the data shows good energy performance in our buildings throughout 2019-2020.

#### 4.4 Waste

- 4.4.1 The emissions from waste have been shown to have reduced significantly in both of the tables above. In addition to using updated carbon factors each year, it is now proposed that emissions associated with all of our collected waste is applied. Since the baseline year, a carbon factor has been applied to the amount of waste sent to landfill only. However, there have been updates to how carbon emissions are associated with the waste which is segregated for recycling. The process of recycling our waste still produces carbon emissions.
- 4.4.2 In 2018-2019, a factor was applied to the waste sent to the energy from waste plant and it was agreed that, from 2019-2020, a carbon factor is applied to the paper, plastic, garden/food and metal recycle.
- 4.4.3 The data for 2019-20 has been further updated to match with the Council's annual mandatory report to SEPA where we report on household waste only. We were previously required to report on 'municipal' waste which contained a very small element of waste collected from parks and street sweepings, and so this was measured when we set our carbon footprint. As SEPA no longer collects this data and report on a calendar year basis rather than financial year, the data for carbon reporting has been updated too which ensures a more consistent reporting process.

#### 4.5 Fleet

- 4.5.1 Emissions from fuel used within our fleet has continued to reduce as demonstrated in both tables. The fleet has continued to downsize in relation to the size of vehicles, which has resulted in smaller, more efficient vehicles and a reduced fuel consumption.

#### 4.6 Street Lighting

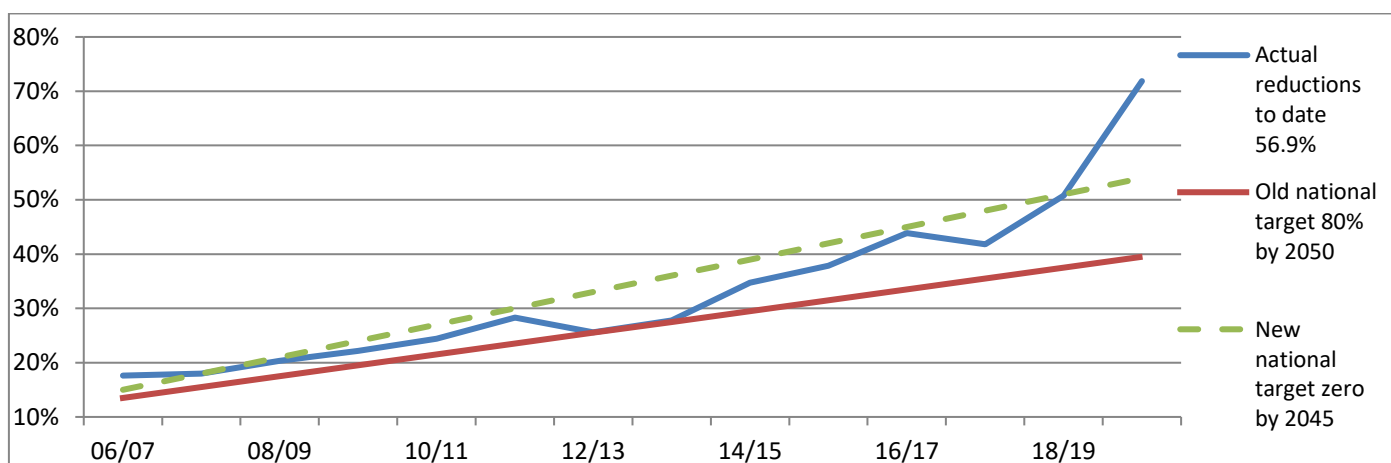
- 4.6.1 The final year of the LED street lighting replacement programme has achieved further savings. The ambitious project which started in June 2015 has achieved significant consumption savings of over 68%.

#### 4.7 Staff Travel

- 4.7.1 Emissions from staff travel have also continued to reduce. Emissions associated with staff mileage claims reduced despite the number of miles travelled increasing slightly. This is due to improvements in the types of personal vehicles being driven by employees and the proportion of small vehicles is now far more than medium or large vehicles. Pool car travel also reduced resulting in reduced emissions. Future agile working may affect the amount of staff travel required, however, it should be noted that any potential carbon savings in pool car travel could be offset by personal car usage and heating and lighting in employees' own homes.

## 5. Future Carbon Targets

- 5.1 The Scottish Government is committed to reach net zero emissions by 2045, with interim reduction targets of 56% by 2020, 75% by 2030 and 90% by 2040 (based on 1990 levels). The Council has an obligation to contribute to these targets and fulfil its duties under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003 and the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.
- 5.2 Indications are that, although Scottish Government's targets are to reach net zero, public sector is being asked to commit to meeting 'zero direct emissions'. There needs to be more clarity on what specifically this would mean, as there are differing approaches across the public sector in relation to what falls within a carbon footprint and what exactly 'direct' emissions means in this context. More information is expected when the Climate Change Plan is published in December 2020.
- 5.3 It was agreed by the Council in 2019 that 2019-2020 would be the year to 'reset' the Council's carbon journey. The current carbon reduction target of 10% between 2015 and 2020 brought our target in line with the old national target of 42%, with aspirations to meet the new target of 56% by the end of 2020.
- 5.4 As the national targets are using a baseline of 1990, which is prior to when the Council started measuring carbon emissions, we made an assumption that we could have saved 1% each year since 1990 to our own baseline of 2005. Based on these figures, the table below shows our progress to the old and new national targets. It will be noted that the Council progress has been shown as 71.9% (56.9% plus 15%).



- 5.5 New carbon reduction targets will be set for 2020-2021 within the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Strategy action plan. This will require to be considered and determined by the Committee by March 2021. A specific target is useful for the Council to gauge performance but there needs to be consideration given for how carbon sequestration could play a part and how good partnership working on an area wide basis can contribute to the national targets.

## 6. Employee Implications

- 6.1 All Resources are required to contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Climate Change strategy and Carbon Management Plan to ensure that actions and targets are met. The sustainable development officer and carbon management officer monitor and report the Council's progress.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1 Carbon reduction has been achieved within current budgets and from additional capital funds but further financial investment will be required for the Council to contribute to the challenging national net zero and zero direct carbon targets and global sustainable development goals.
- 7.2 The capital programme is a crucial part of being able to achieve carbon emission reductions. There is potential for new or refurbished buildings to be carbon neutral but there may be an initial financial outlay in order to achieve savings over the lifetime of the building.

## **8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 8.1. The carbon management process demonstrates the council's commitment to contribute to national targets and to the global sustainable development goals.

## **9. Other Implications**

- 9.1 There are no risk implications in terms of the proposals contained within this report

## **10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 10.1 This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

**Michael McGlynn**

**Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

01 September 2020

## **Link(s) to Council Objectives and Values**

- ♦ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

## **Previous References**

- ♦ None

## **List of Background Papers**

- ♦ Carbon Management Plan 2018
- ♦ Sustainable Development Strategy 2017-2022

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# Report

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Report to:	<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>17 September 2020</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>The Transition to Decarbonised Fleet Electric Vehicles</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update the Committee with the position on electric vehicles within the Council's fleet

## 2. Recommendations

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendations:-

- (1) note the progress made in increasing the number of electric vehicles within the Council's fleet

## 3. Background

3.1. The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 places duties on the public sector to contribute to meeting targets outlined in the Act and it is expected that the public sector provides a leadership function in its approach to climate change. This includes taking a lead on the decarbonisation of road transport by adopting low or zero emission vehicles and promoting the use of such vehicles throughout South Lanarkshire.

3.2. Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2019-2020 stated that we should 'phase out petrol and diesel cars from our public sector fleet and phase out the need for any new petrol and diesel light commercial vehicles by 2025'. Transport Scotland has administered the Switched on Fleets (SoF) fund for a number of years on behalf of Scottish Government. The fund is available to public sector organisations to bid for grant monies to either purchase or lease ultra low emissions vehicles.

3.3. South Lanarkshire Council has utilised this SoF fund for a number of years to lease small electric cars and vans within the Council's fleet. Our current fleet consists of 1,415 vehicles and plant, of which 598 are cars and small vans. Before the 2019-2020 grant, the Council operated 37 electric vehicles (approx. 6% of small fleet). Most of these have been funded by the SoF grants.

3.2. Funding for previous years is as follows –

• 2014/15	£ 121,000	13 small vehicles on 3 year lease
• 2016/17	£ 64,000	7 small vehicles on 3 year lease
• 2017/18	£ 34,000	3 small vehicles on 3 year lease
• 2018/19	£ 242,000	21 small vehicles on 3 year lease

\* some of the vehicles procured in later years replaced older electric vehicles at the end of their lease

#### **4. Switched on Fleets Fund 2019-2020**

- 4.1. In June 2019, the Council was offered £165,000 to lease more small electric vehicles. Subsequent negotiations with Transport Scotland resulted in this being increased to £193,000 to lease 24 electric Renault Zoes. It was agreed with the Fleet Manager that the 24 vehicles would be used throughout the Council's fleet to replace existing electric vehicles approaching the end of their lease or replace diesel equivalent vehicles.
- 4.2. Transport Scotland approached the Council in February 2020 to ask if we would be interested in bidding for additional SoF funding for light vehicles. We placed a bid to replace all our pool cars with electric vehicles and this was accepted. The total grant agreed amounts to just over £1m and will be used to lease 141 Renault Zoes for 3 years. This will increase the percentage of small fleet from 6% to approximately 28%.
- 4.3. The Renault Zoes are considered the best available suitable vehicle on the market with a range of 240 miles. This means charging is not required on a daily basis, with a weekly charge being suitable for most pool and fleet cars.
- 4.4. Some of the cars have already been delivered, however, delays due to COVID-19 has resulted in the majority of vehicles now due for delivery between September and December 2020. The intention is to apply branding to these vehicles 'I am electric to help make South Lanarkshire sustainable', demonstrated on Appendix 1.

#### **5. Switched on Fleets Heavy Goods Fund 2019-2020**

- 5.1. In addition to the funds detailed in section 4, there was an offer to bid for match funding for heavy goods vehicles through Transport Scotland's new Heavy Goods vehicles fund.
- 5.2. A proposal to purchase a light sweeper, an 11 seater minibus and a refuse collection vehicle was submitted in August 2019. This was partially approved in October 2019 with match funding secured for the sweeper and minibus. This has resulted in an additional grant of £282,000.
- 5.3. The sweeper and minibus were delivered in July and August 2020 and have been branded with the 'Sustainable South Lanarkshire' artwork, demonstrated on Appendix 2. The sweeper is the first of its kind to be in operation in the UK and the manufacturer, Schmidt, is keen to be involved in promoting its activities in South Lanarkshire. The minibus will be used all over South Lanarkshire and across different services in order for as many employees and local residents to be benefitting from this low carbon, innovative transport option.

#### **6. Switched on Fleets Fund 2020-21**

- 6.1. The SoF fund for 2020-2021 is being administered by the Energy Savings Trust, and an offer of £337,000 has been received and accepted. For the first time the fund has been split to include £90,000 to be used for charging infrastructure with the remaining £247,000 to be used for the procurement of vehicles.
- 6.2. The funding for the vehicles will be used to lease between 30 to 35 small electric vans, with infrastructure installed in appropriate locations. It is anticipated that 9 sites will be identified from which to charge and operate these vehicles. This will increase the percentage of small fleet from 28% to approximately 34%.
- 6.3. As part of this fund, an analysis of our fleet will be carried out by Energy Savings Trust and a bespoke fleet decarbonisation strategy will be provided for the Council.

## **7. Employee Implications**

- 7.1 The employees who drive the new electric fleet vehicles will need to be adequately trained. In relation to switching all pool cars to electric, there will have to be a communications campaign to prepare staff for an all electric pool car scheme.

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1 The total grant for both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 SoF light vehicles and 2019-20 heavy goods vehicles funds amounts to £1,661,728. The monies will be claimed from Transport Scotland in the financial year 2020-2021.

## **9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 9.1 Under the climate change duties, local authorities are key to driving behavioural change to reduce carbon emissions within Scotland and to meet national targets. By having electric vehicles within our fleet, there would be substantial savings in carbon from reduced fossil fuel consumption.
- 9.2 The indications in the Programme for Government 2019-2020 is that by 2025, all public sector fleet cars and light vehicles are to be electric so this goes some way to help the Council meet these targets at no cost. The decarbonisation of light vehicles is very much a key consideration of the Council's Fleet Strategy and understanding the requirements and technology developments for the transition to ultra low emission heavy commercial vehicles is also a future consideration.

## **10. Other Implications**

- 10.1 Failure to meet sustainable development and climate change objectives is one of the Council's top risks. Increasing the number of electric vehicles within our fleet will help meet these objectives as well as leading by example and showcasing low carbon technologies throughout the South Lanarkshire area.

## **11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 11.1 The Sustainable Development and Climate Change strategy has undertaken a public consultation, an equalities impact assessment and a fairer Scotland assessment.

**Michael McGlynn**

**Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

30 July 2020

### **Link(s) to Council Objectives and Values**

- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

### **Previous References**

- ◆ None

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Carbon Management Plan 2018
- ◆ Sustainable Development Strategy 2017-2022

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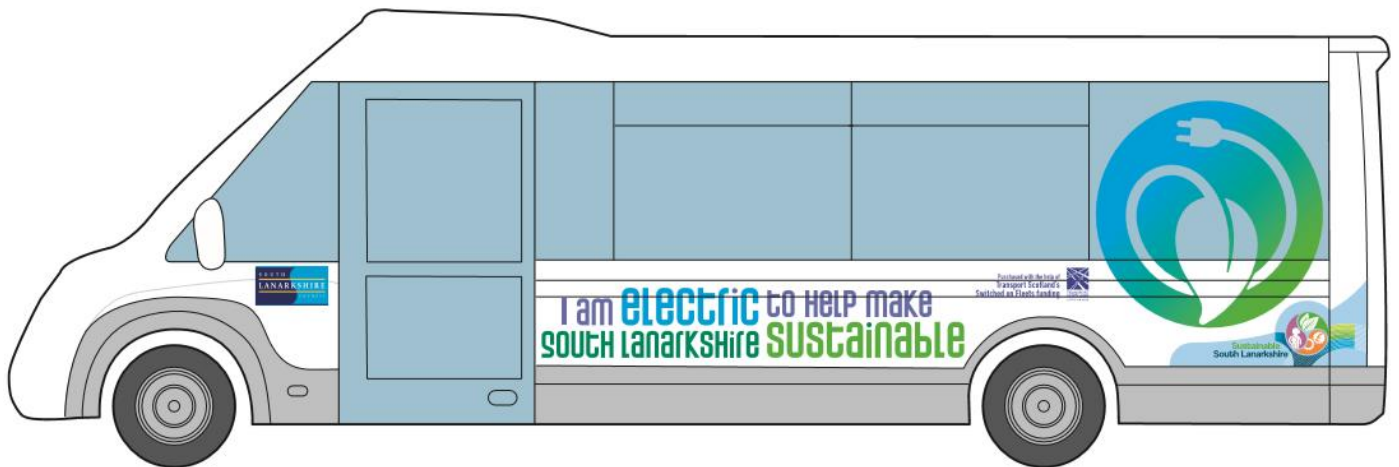
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# Report

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Report to:	<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>17 September 2020</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Council Fairtrade Zone Status Renewed</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

- ◆ provide an update to the Committee of the successful renewal of the Council Fairtrade Zone status.

## 2. Recommendation

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):

- (1) that it be noted that the Council's Fairtrade Zone status had been renewed on 6 February 2020.

## 3. Background

3.1. Fairtrade is an alternative approach to conventional trade between developing and developed countries which seeks to promote responsible trade. Principles of Fairtrade include:-

- ◆ payment of fair prices to producers as well as a premium to improve their social, economic and environmental conditions
- ◆ transparent commercial relationships
- ◆ good working conditions
- ◆ no child labour, no forced labour and no discrimination including gender equity
- ◆ conservation and preservation of the environment

3.2. Communities (town, city, zone or any other geographical areas) can apply to achieve Fairtrade status. It shows the communities' commitment in supporting Fairtrade principles and using licensed products with the Fairtrade Mark. Over 600 communities across the UK have achieved Fairtrade status.

3.3. In South Lanarkshire, the following towns have achieved the Fairtrade status and are actively supporting Fairtrade principles: Biggar, East Kilbride, Hamilton and Strathaven, which was the first Fairtrade town in Scotland.

- 3.4. South Lanarkshire Council achieved the Fairtrade Zone status in 2013 following an application made by the South Lanarkshire Fairtrade Steering Group. The application was supported by the Council with the Executive Committee of 13 February 2013 noting the successful application of the Council as Fairtrade Zone.
- 3.5. Despite the fact that the Council had continued to support Fairtrade principles by serving Fairtrade tea and coffee, its status was not renewed. Renewal has to be carried out one year after the status is achieved and then every two years.
- 3.6. On 22 January 2019, the Council agreed to renew its Fairtrade zone status with a report approved by the Community and Enterprise Resources ("Renewal of the Council Fairtrade Zone Status"). In particular, it was agreed to progress towards the five goals required to renew the status.

#### 4. Fairtrade Zone Status Renewed

- 4.1. Following the Council's agreement in January 2019, progress was made on the 5 goals, detailed below, that then allowed an application form to be submitted to the Fairtrade Foundation in December 2019. In turn, the Foundation certified that South Lanarkshire Council was a Fairtrade Zone and that the status was achieved on 6 February 2020. Together with the certificate, the Council has received a congratulations cover letter as well as a feedback report.
- 4.2. To renew the Fairtrade Zone status, five goals, as defined by the Fairtrade Foundation, were taken forward and achieved, and these are set out below.

Goals	Action undertaken
<u>1. Local Council Resolution</u> Pass a resolution through committee approval to renew the support to Fairtrade and confirm that Fairtrade tea and coffee are served at meetings, in offices and canteens.	This goal has been achieved by reporting the matter to the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee on 22 January 2019. Moreover, support to Fair Trade is part of the intention of the Good Food Strategy.  Use of Fairtrade products within the Council is in place and spending allocated to these products are monitored as planned in the Good Food Strategy action plan 2020/2021.
<u>2. Fairtrade in Local Work Places and Organisations</u> Update the list of workplaces and community organisations using Fairtrade products and identify a flagship employer.	With support from the steering group, the list of workplaces and community organisations has been updated. At least 35 Faith and Community organisations are supporting Fair Trade principles and 47 schools are registered with the Fairtrade Foundation. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has been identified as the flagship employer.
<u>3. Fairtrade Products Available Locally</u> Update the list of Fairtrade products available in the area's retail outlets and served in local catering outlets. The target (estimated on the basis of the population size) was the	The list of Fairtrade products has been updated with the help of the steering group. It is estimated that 61 retailers and 39 catering outlets support Fairtrade across 22 towns and places in South Lanarkshire.



following: 43 retails and 22 in catering outlets supporting Fairtrade.	
<u>4. Attract Media Coverage</u> Work with Corporate Communications on a publicity campaign on approval of the report which will include social media.	List of media coverage during the last year and half was built with support from the steering group.
<u>5. Establish a Steering Group</u> Establish steering group with Council representatives, Fairtrade towns and other people representing the community.	A steering group with representatives from Fairtrade towns has been established and is programmed to meet twice a year. Attended Fairtrade Towns, private sector, community representatives, elected representatives and facilitated by the Food Policy Officer the group has met 3 times. However, the proposed June 2020 meeting was cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

4.3. Now that the status has been achieved, it has to be renewed the following year i.e. before 6 February 2021. This implies monitoring and recording progress around the goals, namely, list of Fairtrade products, list of Fairtrade places, media coverage and organisations of steering group meetings.

4.4 Renewal of the Fairtrade Zone Status was officially announced during the Fairtrade Fortnight in March 2020 with the publication of a press release and news articles. Moreover, Fairtrade exhibitions took place in three libraries (Avondale Community Wing, EK Central library, Biggar Library) and in Horizons within the Council Offices during the same period to celebrate this achievement.

## **5. Employee Implications**

5.1. The Policy Officer for Food Development, on behalf of the Fairtrade steering group, will be responsible for renewing the Fairtrade Zone status before 6 February 2021.

## **6. Financial Implications**

6.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report, at this stage but this will be monitored through the application process and implications reported through future update reports.

## **7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

7.1. Under the climate change duties local authorities are key to driving behavioural change within Scotland and helping meet national targets. Conservation and preservation of the environment is one of the Fairtrade key principles which is also in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

## **8. Other Implications**

8.1. There are no risk implications in terms of the proposals contained within this report and the Council achieving Fairtrade status would further enhance the Councils sustainability ambitions.

## **9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

**Michael McGlynn**

**Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

28 August 2020

### **Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives**

- ♦ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities.

### **Previous References**

- ♦ Executive Committee report, 13 February 2013 - Fairtrade Zone
- ♦ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee, 21 August 2018 - Fairtrade Status for Biggar
- ♦ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee, 22 January 2019 – Renewal of the Council Fairtrade Status

### **List of Background Papers**

- ♦ None

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