

# Report

Report to:	<b>Community and Enterprise Resources Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>6 February 2024</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Community and Enterprise Resource Plan - Quarter 2 Progress Report 2023/2024</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Community and Enterprise Resource Plan Quarter 2 (Q2) Progress Report 2023/2024, for the period 1 April to 30 September 2023

## 2. Recommendations

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

- (1) that the Community and Enterprise Resource Plan Quarter 2 Progress Report 2023/2024, as summarised in paragraph 5.2 and attached as Appendix 2 of this report, be noted;
- (2) that the key achievements made by the Resource to date, as detailed in paragraph 5.3 of the report, be noted; and
- (3) that it be noted that there are no areas identified for improvement, as detailed in paragraph 5.4 of the report.

## 3. Background

3.1. The Community and Enterprise Resource Plan 2023/2024 was approved by Community and Enterprise Committee on 10 May 2023 and noted by the Executive Committee on 21 June 2023 and sets out the outcomes, measures and actions to be managed and delivered by the Resource for the financial year 2023/2024.

3.2. The Resource Plan follows the agreed corporate structure and style. The Plan is a key element of the Council's performance management arrangements and provides details of the context within which the Resource operates and establishes actions and measures for the year ahead based on the Outcomes set out in the Council Plan Connect 2022 to 2027.

## 4. Resource Outcomes 2023/2024

4.1. The Resource has established a number of outcomes to support the delivery of the Connect Outcomes in 2023/2024. These are detailed at Appendix 1.

## 5. Quarter 2 Progress Report 2023/2024

5.1. Progress against all Resource Plan measures is contained in the Quarter 2 Progress Report 2023/2024, attached as Appendix 2. This report has been produced from the Council's performance management reporting system IMPROVe, and uses a traffic light format with the following definitions to give a status report on each measure:-

Status	Definition
Blue	Project complete
Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations
Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target
Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target
Report later	The information is not yet available to allow us to say whether the target has been reached or not. This will be reported when available
Contextual	Included for 'information only', to set performance information in context

- 5.2. Measures which are classified as 'red' are considered in detail at section 5.4. of this report. To ensure adequate scrutiny of performance across all Resources, the Council's Performance and Review Scrutiny Forum may consider 'red' and/or 'amber' measures at a future meeting.

The overall summary of progress to date is set out in the table below. There remains a legacy impact of COVID-19 and the response to it in some areas, and performance should be considered in that context.

Status	Measures			
	Statistical	Project	Total	%
Blue	0	1	1	1.8%
Green	9	29	38	67.9%
Amber	5	7	12	21.4%
Red	0	0	0	0%
Report later/Contextual	5	0	5	8.9%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>100%</b>

(Data correct as at 4 January 2024)

- 5.3. Key achievements for 2023/2024, to date, are noted below:-

- 5.3.1.

Connect Outcome	Communities and Environment
<b>Resource Outcome</b>	<b>Achievement</b>
The Council addresses climate change by reducing carbon emissions, protecting our natural environment, adapting to the impacts of climate change, and acting sustainably	The Climate Emergency Community Grants fund was re-launched in April 2023 and has once again proven to be a big success, with the £75,000 fully committed by the end of June 2023. A full report on the overall impact of the Climate Emergency Fund, including the community grants, will be presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee post March 2024.
	The Council supported the first annual community climate conference hosted by One Carluke Area Network (ONECAN). Speakers at the event included former Minister for Environment Biodiversity and Land reform Mairi McAllan, Heather Ashworth from Keep Scotland Beautiful and Scene consultants who presented the community-led Carluke Carbon Emission Report.

<b>Connect Outcome</b>	<b>Communities and Environment</b>
	Office for Zero Emissions Vehicles (OZEV) Project consists of the installation on 13 dual on-street electric vehicle chargers in various residential streets in South Lanarkshire. These works have now been completed.
The Council supports and promotes a fairer, healthier, and more sustainable food system	As part of our efforts to identify opportunities to increase food growing provision throughout South Lanarkshire, planning permission was applied for a new allotment site at Chatelherault and planning consent was granted. Works started in April 2023 and were completed in August 2023. All the plots have now been let with the site fully operational.
High quality streets, parks and other public areas ensures South Lanarkshire is a place where people want to live, work, visit and invest	Strathaven, Castlebank and Cambuslang Parks have successfully retained Green Flag status in 2023. Strathaven Park has won the prestigious award from Keep Scotland Beautiful for the 11th year in a row, while Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park have won for nine and eight consecutive years respectively. Recognising the very best of our country's outdoor areas, the International Green Flag Award acts as a benchmark for clean, safe and well-maintained parks and green spaces.
Road and transportation infrastructure supports new development, enables use of public transport and encourages active travel	An extensive consultation exercise, involving numerous groups, organisations, elected members and the public, was undertaken in July/August 2023 to feed into the development of the new Local Transport Strategy. The new Strategy will set the future direction for the Council's approach to the development and upkeep of the transport infrastructure and policy within the area. The Strategy will also set out how the Council will contribute to the delivery of the obligations set out in the National and Regional Transport Strategies and other key policy drivers. It is anticipated that a draft strategy will be presented to committee in spring 2024.

<b>Connect Outcome</b>	<b>Our Economy</b>
<b>Resource Outcome</b>	<b>Achievement</b>
Economic Development and growth in South Lanarkshire is fair, inclusive, sustainable and low carbon	A new South Lanarkshire Social Enterprise Strategy was approved by Executive Committee on 21 June 2023. The Strategy sets out the Council's commitment to increase the number of social enterprises and improve the sustainability of the sector in South Lanarkshire.

5.3.2. In addition to working towards these Outcomes, it is recognised that the Council will continually aim to improve and ensure effective and efficient use of resources, and that business will be conducted with integrity and transparency and will operate to the highest standards. In order to monitor and report progress against these values, Resource outcomes have also been identified under the heading Delivering the Plan and achieving Best Value.

<b>Delivering the Plan and achieving Best Value</b>	
<b>Resource Objective</b>	<b>Achievement</b>
Customers experience high quality and improving council services	A new Cemetery Strategy was approved at Community and Enterprise Resources Committee in May 2023 to allow the service to take forward and develop new working arrangements within Bereavement Services.

#### 5.4. **Areas for improvement**

There are no areas identified for improvement.

### 6. **Employee Implications**

6.1. The outcomes noted within the Resource Plan will inform the Service Action Plans, where applicable, and in turn the Performance Appraisal process for individual employees.

6.2. Absence statistics are monitored and reported through the Council-wide workforce monitoring report which is presented to Committee and the Employees Issues Forum.

### 7. **Financial Implications**

7.1. The outcomes within the Resource Plan are reflected in the respective annual Resource Revenue and Capital budgets and, longer term, within the framework of the Council's approved Financial Strategy.

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

8.1. There are no climate change or environmental implications as a result of this report.

8.2. The Council acknowledges the serious and immediate threat of climate change and is committed to accelerating the pace of action in response to the climate emergency and in Scotland's transition to a net-zero and climate resilient society and economy. All Resource Plans have recognised sustainable development and climate change as a key area of focus for 2023/2024.

### 9. **Other Implications**

9.1. A significant element of the delivery of the outcomes in the Community Plan 2022 to 2032 will come through the achievement of the actions contained within Connect.

9.2. Resource Plan actions are assessed as part of the Resource's risk management arrangements and relevant issues have been added to the Resource Risk Register.

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

10.1. Many of the actions detailed within the Resource Plan reflect ongoing strategies and policies which will be or have been the subject of consultation and equality impact assessment.

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11 January 2024

## **Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes**

### Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Working with and respecting others
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ◆ Ambitious, self-aware and improving
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ Excellent employer

### Priorities

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress and improve

### Outcomes

- ◆ Our children and young people thrive
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible
- ◆ Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

## **Previous References**

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee- 29 August 2023

## **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Council Plan Connect 2022 to 2027 – South Lanarkshire Council, 15 June 2022
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resource Plan 2023/2024 – Community and Enterprise Resources Committee, 30 May 2023

## **Contact for Further Information**

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

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## Community and Enterprise Resource Outcomes 2023/2024

Connect Outcomes	Resource Outcomes
<b>Communities and Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High-quality streets, parks and other public areas ensures South Lanarkshire is a place where people want to live, work, visit and invest</li> <li>• Communities are encouraged and supported to reduce, re-use and recycle their waste</li> <li>• The council addresses climate change by reducing carbon emissions, protecting our natural environment, adapting to the impacts of climate change, and acting sustainably</li> <li>• The council supports and promotes a fairer, healthier, and more sustainable food system</li> <li>• Communities are well connected</li> <li>• All roads, footways, cycle routes, bridges and associated infrastructure are safe and fit for purpose</li> <li>• Road and transportation infrastructure supports new development, enables use of public transport and encourages active travel</li> <li>• The 20 minute neighbourhood principle is established in our communities to make our places more sustainable and liveable.</li> </ul>
<b>Education and Learning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No resource outcomes for this Connect outcome</li> </ul>
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public health is safeguarded through an effective environmental regulation and enforcement service</li> <li>• All school and nursery children have access to nutritious school meals</li> <li>• Health inequalities are addressed through collaboration with local communities and partners</li> <li>• All residents have the opportunity to access cultural, leisure and outdoor recreational activities to help improve their wellbeing and quality of life</li> </ul>
<b>Children and Young People</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No resource outcomes for this Connect outcome</li> </ul>
<b>Housing and Land</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vacant, derelict and contaminated land is brought back into productive use</li> <li>• Appropriate supply of housing land (including affordable housing) is maintained</li> </ul>
<b>Our Economy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Lanarkshire is an attractive place to start, grow and locate a business</li> <li>• Economic development and growth in South Lanarkshire is fair, inclusive, sustainable and low carbon</li> <li>• Thriving town and neighbourhood centres provide a focal point for local communities</li> <li>• Physical development and land use in the area is enabled, guided and controlled to help facilitate economic growth</li> <li>• Consumers and communities are protected through an effective trading standards service</li> </ul>
<b>Delivering the Plan and achieving Best Value</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customers experience high quality and improving council services</li> <li>• The council demonstrates high standards of governance and sound financial stewardship</li> <li>• The workforce has the skills, flexibility and capacity to deliver the council's priorities</li> <li>• Digital and ICT services meet the needs of the council and its customers</li> </ul>