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| Report to: | Climate Change and Sustainability Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 9 November 2022 |
| Report by: | Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) |

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| Subject: | Mid-Term Report on the Climate Emergency Fund 2021 to 2024 |
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ◆ update members on where the £2million Climate Emergency Fund has been directed to date, and the progress of the projects that have been funded so far.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Climate Change and Sustainability Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation:

- (1) That the mid-term position in respect of the implementation of the Climate Emergency Fund is noted.

3. Background

3.1. The 2021/2022 Revenue Budget was approved by members at the Special Council meeting on 24 February 2021. At that time, a package of investments totalling £10.054 million was agreed, which included an allocation of £2 million for the Climate Emergency Fund to be committed over a three-year period (2021-24).

3.2. A report to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 28 April 2021 informed members of the range and scope of the areas to which the £2 million Climate Emergency Fund would be directed (covered in item 4).

3.3. A further report to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 3 November 2021 informed members of plans to formally launch the Climate Emergency Fund community grant scheme, which is funded through the above Climate Emergency Fund (covered in item 5.3).

4. Climate Emergency Fund

4.1. Climate Emergency Funding is available to all Council Resources to progress Sustainable Development and Climate Change projects. The Climate Emergency Fund is split into 5 key areas:

- ◆ Staffing
£680,000 of the fund was allocated to the recruitment of 7 officers (6.5 FTE) for a period of 23 months to develop climate change projects. (See 4.2)

- ◆ Development Fund
£475,000 of the fund is allocated to a development fund which allows Services to carry out feasibility studies on projects that meet the climate change objectives. This helps to develop a pipeline of low carbon projects that are investment-ready and that can lever in external funding or private investment.
- Match Fund
£445,000 of the fund is allocated to match funding. This allows Services to bid for existing external funding opportunities that require Council match funding.
- Projects/Pilots
£250,000 is allocated to projects or pilot studies. This allows Services to progress smaller projects or develop pilots that are fully funded by the Council. These projects and pilots help identify benefits in advance of submitting larger bids for funding (for example Levelling Up Fund, Green Growth Accelerator, UK Shared Prosperity Fund).
- Community Grant Fund
£150,000 of the fund is allocated to a community grant scheme to be administered over a two-year period (2022-24). This allows local groups and schools to bid for funding to develop and promote climate change and sustainability focused projects within local communities.

4.2. Staffing

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources (3 posts)
Three posts within Community and Enterprise Resources were advertised in July 2021, two progressed to interview. The Sustainable Development Officer (Support) commenced employment from 11 October 2021 and the Sustainable Development Officer (Funding) commenced employment from 1 November 2021.

The Sustainable Development Officer (Support) resigned at the end of January 2022 and took up another post with another organisation. This post was, therefore, re-advertised in April 2022, with the job title changed to Sustainable Communities Engagement Officer. The new Officer commenced employment in July 2022.

There were no suitable candidates for the Green Economy post either at this time or when the post was re-advertised in November 2021 (see item 4.3).

- ◆ Housing & Technical Resources (3 posts)
Three posts within Housing and Technical Resources were advertised in August 2021, two were progressed to interview. One Strategy Officer (Built Environment) commenced employment from 3 December 2021, and another commenced employment from 21 January 2022. The Strategy Team Leader (Built Environment) post was filled internally on 21 February 2022.
- ◆ PHD Student (0.5 Post)
It was agreed at the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 28 April 2021 that a Project Support Assistant (Sustainable Development) would also be employed through a PHD student placement. The placement was advertised jointly with Glasgow Caledonian University's Centre for Climate Justice and interviews took place on 31 August 2022. A candidate has been selected and the placement is due to begin in October 2022. The project scope is to investigate the vulnerability of local communities to climate change and how we can work together to build resilience in this area.

4.3. Recruitment Issues

With regard to the Green Economy post, it has been noted that there is a skills shortage in this area of work and that temporary contracts are less attractive in a competitive recruitment market. A lead officer in Economic Development has been identified to deal with the Green Economy remit in the meantime.

5. **Planned Spend**

The £2million Climate Emergency Fund has been split over 3 years and is being used to provide a range of opportunities for Council Resources and external groups to source funding. The projected yearly spend for the fund is:

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| Spend in Year 1: | £0.148m |
| Spend in Year 2: | £1.110m |
| Spend in Year 3: | £0.742m |
| <u>Total Spend:</u> | £2.000m |

5.1. Committed Spend

The table below sets out the actual spend for year one of the fund (2021/2022) and the spending commitments for the fund in years two (2022/2023) and three (2023/2024). At the end of September 2022, there was an overall committed spend of £1,889,725, with the remaining £110,275 still available to be committed to projects. Applications have been received from various Council Resources for many interesting and innovative projects (see item 5.2).

| Climate Fund (£2 million) | Spend Financial Year 2021/22 | Spend Committed Financial Year 2022/23 | Spend Committed Financial Year 2023/24 |
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| Staffing | £65,000 | £339,340 | £310,340 |
| Development Fund | £0 | £363,000 | |
| Climate Match Fund | £27,500 | £164,949 | £191,675 |
| Projects/Pilots | £54,650 | £220,771 | £12,500 |
| Community Grants | £0 | £75,000 | £75,000 |
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| Total | £147,150 | £1,163,060 | £589,515 |
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| Total spend committed for 2021-2024 | £1,889,725 | | |
| Fund still to be committed over remaining 18 months of fund | £110,275 | | |

5.2. Sustainable Development and Climate Change Projects (Internal)

23 projects have been approved through the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Steering Group since the introduction of the fund. Due to the nature of the

fund, many of these projects involve feasibility studies and external consultants. This means that while the funding is allocated, it will not be released until the projects are complete. A full list of the projects that have been approved for funding is included in Appendix 1, with case studies on those projects already completed or underway provided in Appendix 2.

Some highlights funded through the Climate Emergency Fund include:

- ◆ A programme of Carbon Literacy Training is being rolled out for Council staff and elected members in conjunction with Keep Scotland Beautiful.
- ◆ A project has been developed to accelerate the introduction of electric vehicles into South Lanarkshire Fleet.
- ◆ A feasibility study has been carried out and a Levelling Up funding application has been submitted to create a Green Action Travel Project connecting paths and cycle networks in rural South Lanarkshire and with neighboring authorities.
- ◆ A Tree Canopy analysis has been carried out for the South Lanarkshire area which will help better understand existing canopy cover and where projects need to be targeted in the future.
- ◆ A Youth Forum on Sustainability and Climate Change has been created, with representatives from all secondary schools.

We will continue to monitor the projects and produce a final report at the end of the 3-year term of the fund.

5.3. Community Grants

It was agreed at the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee, on 3 November 2021, that £75,000 would be allocated from the Climate Emergency Fund in 2022/23 and 2023/24 to establish a Community Grants Scheme. The Climate Emergency Community Grants scheme was opened to applicants in January 2022.

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to help community groups and partner organisations who need funding to pursue sustainability, climate change or food growing projects.

5.4. Climate Emergency Community Grant Applications

At the end of September 2022, 23 community grants have been approved, with just over £51,000 paid out to groups. The groups have until the end of March 2023 to spend their funding and provide their updates for the projects. A full list of the community grants that have been approved for funding is provided in Appendix 3, with case studies on those projects already completed provided in Appendix 4.

Some highlights funded through the Climate Emergency Community Grants include:

- ◆ Ballerup Nursery was awarded a grant to develop a nursery/community allotment and garden area
- ◆ Blantyre Soccer Academy and Blantyre Bikes Better received funding to run a cycling repair and holiday club
- ◆ Burnhill Action Group bid for funding from a variety of sources and have redeveloped the 'Highbacks' area in Rutherglen into a community garden
- ◆ Stonehouse Eco Festival took place in May 2022. This was a community led initiative to share ideas and promote a greater awareness of climate change issues
- ◆ Waste Not Want Not received a grant to purchase equipment for their community reuse and recycle Shop in East Kilbride

5.5. The initial promotion of the Community Grants Scheme has been very successful and resulted in grant applications for many innovative community projects. We will continue to promote the grants through social media, emails to community groups and community councils, and with the help of partners. We recently published a View article to coincide with Climate Week to highlight the inspiring projects that are underway in the community. We will continue to promote the grants in this way and will run regular articles on these projects in the View and on social media.

5.6. Next Steps

In relation to the Climate Emergency Fund, for Community and Enterprise Resources, the key objectives over the next year will be to:

- ◆ Ensure that projects which have been awarded funding are progressed and achieve the outcomes and benefits outlined by the Climate Emergency Fund
- ◆ Continue to process new Climate Emergency Fund bids, committing the outstanding £110,275
- ◆ Continue to promote and administer the Climate Emergency Community Grants to ensure £75,000 is allocated to projects in 2022/23 and 2023/24

6. Employee Implications

6.1. Five full time officers have been employed on a 23-month basis through the Climate Emergency Fund. As the recruitment has been unsuccessful for a specialist Green Economy Officer, alternative options for this area of the fund have been developed. The Project Support Assistant (PHD Student) is due to start in October 2022.

7 Financial Implications

7.1. There are significant external funding opportunities available to the Council, for example Levelling Up Fund, Green Growth Accelerator, and UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The Climate Emergency Fund will continue to fund projects which provide support for these types of external funding applications.

8 Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

8.1. The Scottish Government is committed to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045, with interim reduction targets of 75% by 2030 and 90% by 2040 (based on 1990 levels) and becoming carbon neutral by 2040. 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.

8.2. Investment in these grants is helping the Council contribute to these national targets.

9 Other Implications

9.1. There are no other implications to report at this stage.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

10.1. There are no impact assessment or consultations needed for this report.

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Executive Director

24 October 2022

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable

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
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible
- ◆ Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

Previous References

- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 28 April 2021 – Climate Challenge South Lanarkshire Fund
- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 3 November 2021 – Community Grants (Climate Emergency Fund & Food Strategy Support Fund)

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report 2018.
- ◆ The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009
- ◆ The Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019
- ◆ Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022
- ◆ Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022-2027
- ◆ Biodiversity Strategy 2018 – 2022
- ◆ Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan 2018 -2022
- ◆ Good Food Strategy 2020 -2025
- ◆ UN's Sustainable Development Goals

Contact for Further Information

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

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Appendix 1 – Climate Emergency Fund Internal Projects 2021-2024

| Climate Emergency Fund (£2 million) | Projects | Project Details | Funding Approved | Expected Outcomes |
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| Development Fund | Clydesdale Way Pathways Project | Project to carry out a feasibility study to create Southwest Scotland Green Action Travel Project connecting paths and cycle networks in South Lanarkshire to neighbouring authorities in Borders and Dumfries and Galloway creating a complete network of local, regional, and national routes. | £50,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and enable active travel options • Help improve local air quality • Help create a safe and accessible path network • Provide mapping and design to enable the submission of a Levelling Up Fund bid |
| | Active Travel Enhancement | A consultant will be appointed to undertake an assessment of various active travel options in South Lanarkshire towns. Public consultation will be undertaken, and the consultant will help develop a UK Levelling Up Fund bid. | £50,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress key active travel infrastructure improvement priorities for South Lanarkshire • Identify priority projects for a Levelling Up Fund bid • Development work will be utilised for future phases of active travel infrastructure improvements |
| | Town Centres Transition to Net Zero | Programme to secure the transition to Net Zero for South Lanarkshire's Towns. Consultant will be appointed to identify and develop a portfolio of projects for future green infrastructure investments and to support bids for major funding opportunities | £98,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress key infrastructure improvement priorities for South Lanarkshire towns to achieve net zero • Identify priority projects for Levelling Up Fund, Green Growth Accelerator, UK Shared Prosperity Fund bids • Development work will be utilised for future funding bids |

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| | Primary school heating and fabric upgrade feasibility | A consultant will be appointed to carry out a feasibility study into the scope of work required to upgrade the primary school estate to zero carbon by 2038. The feasibility will look at five primary schools of different ages to then role the out for the primary school estate. | £60,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify measures and suitable technologies to be implemented across the primary school estate Establish priorities for future investments required to meet net zero Help to develop future bids to funds such as the Public Sector Estate Decarbonisation Scheme and the Heat Network Fund |
| | Primary school PV feasibility | A specialist consultant will be appointed to carry out desktop study of the 128 primary schools. Existing data will be used to assess the schools, consider if the roofs can have PV panels installed, or in the case of the existing PV arrays on the school roofs, could these be expanded or increased | £15,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculate a potential reduction in greenhouse gas emissions Model energy savings generated by the PV panels The findings will be used to inform future programmes of works through various funding streams to install or expand the installation of PV panels on primary school roofs |
| | Zero emissions upgrades to wet leisure properties | Feasibility study into the works required to meet the Scottish Government zero emissions targets by 2038 and reduce heat demand in the properties at wet leisure properties. | £20,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify measures and suitable technologies to be implemented across the council's wet leisure properties, Establish priorities for future investments required to meet net zero Help to develop future bids to funds such as the Public Sector Estate Decarbonisation Scheme and the Heat Network Fund |

| Climate Emergency Fund (£2 million) | Projects | Project Details | Funding Approved | Expected Outcomes |
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| | Ballerup Pavilion options appraisal | Options appraisal into the works required to meet the zero emissions targets by 2038 at Ballerup Pavilion including the fabric first measures and low carbon heating upgrade. | £15,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The options appraisal will allow us identify measures and suitable technologies to be implemented in the property upgrading the whole building envelope • The findings will provide recommendations for works which will be scaled across similar build types. |
| | Cycle Hire Feasibility Study | Feasibility study into developing a bike hire scheme in South Lanarkshire. Various options of bike hire scheme will be considered in the study including the business case potential for joining Glasgow City Council's Nextbike scheme. | £25,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify potential funding and contract models using successful schemes from around the country • Identify key areas and key benefits of the bike hire scheme • Allow a bike hire business case and model to be developed for South Lanarkshire. • Identify priorities in relation to providing or improving active travel infrastructure |
| | Calderwood Multi Storey Blocks district heating feasibility | RIBA Stage 2 feasibility for a potential Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP) and district heating project centred around six tower blocks in East Kilbride which are currently heated by aging electric storage heating. | £30,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate that technologies such as GSHPs and local district heating networks can be scaled to work in the domestic sector throughout South Lanarkshire. • Identify the project's environmental benefits, costs and potential challenges • Provide recommendations for future works which could be scaled across council's domestic and non-domestic properties. |

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| Climate Match fund | Tree canopy analysis | Match funding for the analysis of aerial photography funded by the Green Network Partnership and Clydeplan. The information is specific to South Lanarkshire and will help better understand existing canopy cover and where projects need to be targeted in the future. | £7,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate carbon off set from tree canopy cover • Help understand existing tree canopy cover in South Lanarkshire • Help with future external funding bids |
| | ECO stars | Match funding with Scottish Government to continue EcoStars within South Lanarkshire Fleet and the Taxi and Private Hire Scheme. Both schemes engage with a network of fleet operators and encourages positive action against contributions to local transport related emissions. | £20,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote sustainable and environmentally responsible transport • Improving local air quality • Reduce fuel consumption • Raise fuel efficiency awareness • Promote cleaner vehicles |
| | Nature Restoration Fund | Match funding with Scottish Government Nature Restoration Fund to focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peatland and Wetland Management & Development • Local Nature Reserve Management & Development • Enhancing Canopy Cover • Outdoor Education • Develop Management Plans • Enhance Wildflower Cover for pollinators | £146,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver positive effects for biodiversity and enhance local ecosystems • Address the climate emergency by promoting nature-based solutions • Promote the health and well-being of local communities |


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| | Clyde Climate Forest | Match funding for the supply and planting of 4,000 trees to increase tree canopy cover. Clyde Climate Forest and its partners will engage and promote volunteers/community groups to plant the trees. | £7,500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased tree canopy cover |
| | Outdoor classroom for Duncanrig ASN Base | Match funding to build an outdoor classroom for the Additional Needs Support base at Duncanrig High School | £3,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased opportunity for learning outdoors The space will be used to encourage awareness and responsibility for the natural environment amongst pupils |
| | Love to Ride South Lanarkshire | Match funding with Smarter Choices, Smarter Places to extend the 'Love to Ride' online behaviour change programme and platform which supports inclusive cycling. | £8,949 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage travel behaviour change Support the uptake of cycling Support a higher uptake of active and sustainable options, especially for local journeys Reducing single occupancy car journeys Help meet our air quality objectives |
| | Better Points active travel project | Match funding with Scottish Government Air Quality Action Plan grant to establish a travel behaviour change project which focuses on residents, schools, and workplaces to increase active and sustainable travel within our local communities | £31,675 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage travel behaviour change Support a higher uptake of active and sustainable options, especially for local journeys Reducing single occupancy car journeys Impact emissions levels Help meet our air quality objectives |
| Projects/ Pilots | Youth Forum | Project to set up a Climate Change & Sustainability Youth Forum. The group will assist in raising awareness within the school community, gathering information on initiatives already | £52,500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise awareness of climate change within the school community Gather information on initiatives already operating within schools and upsize those with most impact |

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| | | operating within schools, and considering how we can upsize those with most impact. Members of the Forum will also attend COP26 and host an SLC COP26 event to raise awareness. | | |
| | Climate Training | Develop a programme of climate emergency training across the Council. This will involve the design of a climate emergency training course bespoke to South Lanarkshire and delivery of the training to the first 100 people – primarily aimed at elected members and senior management. | £20,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase understanding of the global, national and local climate emergency • Mainstream climate action in decision making across the Council. |
| | Fleet Electric Vehicle transition | Project to accelerate the introduction of Electric Vehicles (EVs) by assisting with the identification and assessment of fleet charging locations, EV user familiarisation, managing EV charging/charging network and developing day to day arrangements required to embed EVs in the fleet. 2 staff members have been appointed to carry out these duties on a 2-year contract. | £97,500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced emissions • Accelerate the introduction of EV • EV user familiarisation • Manage the EV charging/charging network |
| | Universal Connections Electric Bikes | Funding to purchase 2 electric bicycles and secure storage at each of the 9 Universal Connections sites across South Lanarkshire. The bikes will be used by staff to deliver youth outreach | £51,300 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced emissions • Promoting sustainable transport within the community • Increased active travel opportunities |

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| | | work in the community. | | |
| | Right Stuff Right Bin | Adhesive stickers to be attached to wheeled bins in flats throughout South Lanarkshire to advise householder of changes to the service. Stickers can also be used in problematic areas to remind householder of correct recycling practices. Leaflets also to be issues to all flats. | £15,470 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve recycling rates and reduce rubbish going to landfill |
| | Area-wide emissions route map | To commission an external consultant to help develop a route map which sets a pathway to net-zero for South Lanarkshire | £35,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the biggest contributors to South Lanarkshire's emissions • Outline the scale of reduction required to meet net-zero by 2045 • Provide details of cost effective, carbon effective and transformational action required to meet net-zero. • Outline the earliest that South Lanarkshire could achieve net-zero • Outline the investment required to meet net-zero |
| | Reverse Vending Machine for St Andrews and St Brides High School | Purchase a Reverse Vending Machine for trialling the Return Deposit Scheme in St Andrews and St Brides High School | £14,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces the number of plastic bottles going to landfill or being discarded • Minimises staff time associated with the manual processing of returned containers • The device securely compacts the containers minimising the storage space required meaning the material is collected as efficiently as possible. |


Appendix 2: Climate Emergency Fund Internal Projects – Case Studies

| Internal Projects | Project Information and Update |
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| <p>Climate Training</p> | <p>Funding was provided to develop a programme of climate emergency training across the Council.</p> <p>Project outcomes to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bespoke Carbon Literacy Training Programme was developed for South Lanarkshire with Keep Scotland Beautiful. • First round of training is now complete with over 100 employees trained. • Some feedback from participants: <p><i>“Very interesting and thought-provoking course and the speakers came across as very knowledgeable”</i></p> <p><i>“I really enjoyed the course and learned a lot but wondering how I will fit in time for assignment. I would have liked some tips as to how as an individual I can reduce my carbon footprint”</i></p> <p><i>“I very much enjoyed the training including the background science stuff. It could be more tailored to South Lanarkshire in terms of what we have been doing and what we could and should be doing”</i></p> <p><i>“I thought the pace/content / timing was spot on. It certainly kept me engaged throughout, and the level of ‘homework’ wasn’t too onerous, and it complimented the main sessions”</i></p> • Currently looking at options to develop the training for elected members. Options include 90-minute webinars and an eLearning course. <div data-bbox="577 1141 817 1273" style="text-align: center;"> <p>Certified Carbon Literate</p> </div> |

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| <p>Clyde Climate Forest</p> | <p>Match funding with Clyde Climate Forest for the supply and planting of 4,000 trees to increase tree canopy cover in the area.</p> <p>Project outcomes to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,000 trees have been supplied and planted with community involvement in some areas. • We have engaged with communities on the environmental and climate change agenda. • We have carried out tree planting in urban areas where there is low levels of tree canopies and where the communities are vulnerable to the impacts of a changing climate due to heatwaves or heavy rainfall events. <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> |
| <p>Clydesdale Way Pathways Project</p> | <p>Funding was awarded for a feasibility study to create a Green Action Travel Project. The aim is to connect paths and cycle networks in South Lanarkshire, to link isolated communities in rural Clydesdale and neighbouring authorities, creating a network of local, regional, and national routes. The study will provide the essential mapping, design and costs to enable the submission of a joint Levelling Up funding application between South Lanarkshire, Scottish Borders and Dumfries and Galloway Councils.</p> <p>Project outcomes to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External consultant, Ironside Farrar, successfully tendered for the project. • A Strategic Business case and RIBA Stage 2 Concept Design Report have been produced. • A Levelling Up Fund Bid was submitted for the project in July 2022 • The decision on the Levelling Up Bid is expected October /November 2022. • The contract has been extended to develop a consultancy brief for the next stages of the design. These will be tendered on condition Levelling Up Bid is successful. |

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| EcoStars for South Lanarkshire Fleet, Taxi and Private Hire | <p>Match funding with Scottish Government to continue EcoStars within South Lanarkshire Fleet and the Taxi and Private Hire Scheme.</p> <p>Project outcomes to date: ECO Stars has been a key action in promoting sustainable and environmentally responsible transport within South Lanarkshire and, alongside other interventions such as infrastructure changes and promotion of cleaner vehicles, forms part of South Lanarkshire Council’s Action Plan for improving local air quality. Since inception, South Lanarkshire ECO Stars has built an engaged and growing membership of local fleet operators, with tailored advice supplemented by fuel efficiency member workshops. An emissions toolkit has also been developed to provide a quantitative estimate on the impact on emissions following the interventions as identified via the ECO stars bespoke fleet advice to operators. The South Lanarkshire fleet scheme has successfully recruited 231 commercial vehicle operators as members. These members operate over 8,900 commercial vehicles in the local area.</p> <p>The next step is a bespoke “Road Map” which outlines the assessment findings and contains tailor-made advice to help improve the efficiency of the operator’s fleet.</p> |
| Fleet Electric Vehicle Transition | <p>This project was awarded funding to support the council’s transition from diesel vehicles to Electric Vehicles (EVs). Two staff members have been appointed to carry out these duties on a 2-year contract.</p> <p>Project outcomes to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 70 staff have been trained to charge/drive EVs • Daily support is provided for staff including help with charging issues, vehicle familiarisation, fault support • 48 charge points have been installed and are operational • 46 further charge points to be installed • Management of the EV charging projects, regular liaison with EV charging supplier and SLC site representative • This project is supporting SLC’s transition from diesel vehicles to EVs |
| Right Stuff, Right Bin | <p>This is an educational project to target problematic areas and to remind householders of correct recycling</p> |

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| | <p>practices. Adhesive stickers will be attached to wheeled bins in flats throughout South Lanarkshire to advise householder of changes to the service.</p> <p>Project outcomes to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is at development stage; however, targeted areas will be recycling facilities in flats which are continually contaminated. • Leaflets and stickers have been produced (see sample below) and the project will be rolled out in early 2023. <div data-bbox="546 596 1272 1098" data-label="Image"> </div> |
| <p>Tree Canopy Analysis</p> | <p>Match funding has been provided for the analysis of aerial photography funded by the Green Network Partnership and Clydeplan. The information is specific to South Lanarkshire and will help better understand existing canopy cover and where projects need to be targeted in the future.</p> <p>Project outcomes to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The desktop evaluation of 3,485 individual council trees (includes removed trees) has been completed, focusing on the Clyde Climate Forest target neighbourhoods. This is from resource of |

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| | <p>circa. 63,847 individual trees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The calculation of total ecosystem benefits, value and savings in monetary terms (£126,080 pa) provided by the 3,185 subject trees has been completed. An easy-to-use record of the subject tree demographics (including species composition, quantity, quality, and age diversity) has been created. We now have statistics and evidence to start informing more resilient and diverse tree species selection and to help inform future funding bids.  <p>TreePlotter – South Lanarkshire Council (pg-cloud.com)</p> |
| <p>Youth Forum & Climate Emergency Newsroom</p> | <p>Education Resources have established a Youth Forum on Sustainability and Climate Change, with representatives from all secondary schools.</p> <p>Project outcomes to date:</p> <p>During COP26, 80 secondary pupils participated in a Climate Emergency Newsroom (CEN). Although the target audience was primary pupils, through their high-quality reporting, the young journalists gained a national and international audience. News content was hosted on a blog offering video and written interviews with politicians, scientific experts, climate activists and other organisations. The blog also covered the science behind climate change, the impact on our planet and what we can do about it. Due to the high-quality content produced, our primary schools, and many others, were able to feel connected to</p> |

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| | <p>and learn from COP26, deepening their understanding of issues, encouraging them to speak out and find ways to work towards net zero.</p> <p>Educational professionals have reached out from across the country to commend the CEN on their work. 132 articles were published, including interviews with activists, scientists and politicians, generating more than 20,000 views. There were more than 1 million views of CEN tweets and the work was acknowledged in a motion to the Scottish Parliament.</p> <div data-bbox="555 555 1460 906" style="text-align: center;"> <p>The image contains four logos. On the left, from top to bottom: the University of Glasgow logo, the South Lanarkshire Council logo, and the UN Climate Change Conference UK 2021 logo. On the right is the CEN Climate Emergency Newsroom logo, which features the letters 'CEN' in large blue font, 'Climate Emergency' in white on a dark blue background, and 'Newsroom' in white on a dark blue background, all set against a background of four nature-themed images (orange, teal, brown, blue).</p> </div> <p>The Youth Forum has run its own 'COP' (called COS1 - Conference of Schools 1) to further raise awareness of climate issues.</p> |

Appendix 3 – Community Grant Applications approved January 2022 – September 2022

| Group/Partner Organisation | Project details | Grant Amount |
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| Allers Allotments | Solar PV system for allotment shed | £2,206 |
| Ballerup Nursery | Develop the nursery allotment and garden area | £2,445 |
| Biggar and District Men's Shed | A polytunnel with irrigation for community allotment | £1,805 |
| Blackwood Primary | Purchase scooters and bikes for children to travel to school / | £2,500 |
| Blantyre Soccer Academy | Programme of cycle training, bike repair and prepare sessions | £2,500 |
| Burnhill Action Group | Purchase of a cabin which will provide the kitchen space for healthy eating sessions to be delivered | £2,500 |
| Calderwood Primary | School/community garden project to include an outdoor classroom, bee and butterfly garden | £2,500 |
| Carlisle Primary | Create a greenhouse/ garden area in playground | £2,500 |
| Clyde Cycle Park SCIO | Buy 5 adult bikes for the 'On Yer Bike' project | £2,500 |
| Families Like Us | Create book for pre-school and lower primary school children to teach how we can be more environmentally friendly | £2,500 |
| Hareleeshill Primary | Purchase and build raised beds / seeds and plants | £2,500 |
| Heathery Knowe Primary School and Nursery | Inclusive sensory garden, tree, planting, bird boxes, shed, planters etc. | £2,500 |
| ISKCON Scotland | The funds will be used for harvest festival. | £2,500 |
| Kirktonholme Primary | School sustainability project focussing on recycling, composting renewable energy, tree planting, bee keeping | £2,500 |
| Lammermoor Allotments Association | Purchase shed, shed base, solar lighting pack & wheelie bins | £2,490 |
| Lanarkshire Real Nappy Project | Purchase new nappy kits to hire, marketing materials for project | £800 |
| LEAP Community Growing Space | Install a wood workshop space within the community growing space, create | £2,500 |

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| | raised beds and planters from recycled timber. | |
| Royal Highland Education Trust | Run a Food and Farming Day at Museum for Rural life | £2,500 |
| St Bride's Primary | Open a Community Farm Shop, purchase polytunnel, gardening equipment | £2,500 |
| Stonehouse Eco Festival | Programme/booklet and printed publicity materials to support the Eco Festival | £1,000 |
| Udston Primary School | Improvements to outdoor space, outdoor storage shed for the playground | £2,500 |
| Upper Clyde Parish Church | Create a community orchard and allotment | £2,000 |
| Waist Not Want Not | Community reuse shop - equipment | £1,500 |

Appendix 4: Climate Emergency Community Grants – Case Studies

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| Ballerup Nursery Garden | <p>Ballerup Nursery was awarded a grant to develop a nursery/community allotment and garden area.</p> <p>Project outcomes achieved to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The garden area has been successfully developed with grant money used to purchase planters, tools, soil and seeds.• The children are very engaged in the outdoor environment and look forward to working in and maintaining the allotment area.• The nursery encourages parental engagement by hosting 'stay and plant' sessions within the nursery garden.• The allotment helps to promote healthy food choices and provides sustainable learning opportunities.• From next year the nursery hope to provide vegetable parcels with recipes for families to take home.• The project will continue to develop over the years and has already had a positive impact on learning for the children, their families, and the nursery community.  |

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| <p>Biggar Men's Shed Polytunnel and Irrigation System</p> | <p>In March 2022, Biggar and District Men's Shed were awarded £1,805 to purchase and install a polytunnel and irrigation system at their community allotment site. The project will allow the allotment to expand and flourish, encourage more community participation, and allow members to grow their own produce. The expected benefits are a more sustainable food chain and more people engaging and participating in the community allotment. The polytunnel has been purchased and is under construction.</p> <div data-bbox="555 470 1559 917" data-label="Image"> </div> |
| <p>Blantyre Soccer Academy & Blantyre Bikes Better Cycle Project</p> | <p>Blantyre Soccer Academy and their partner organisation Blantyre Bikes Better were awarded funding to run a Spring programme of cycle training, bike repair sessions and group cycling sessions to encourage residents to get on their bikes.</p> <p>Project outcomes achieved to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bike borrowing and bike repairs scheme has been run from April 2022 to present, this has seen many people contact the group for simple repairs like punctures and chain problems. More complex repairs are referred to Halfords where the group have a partnership agreement to allow people to get their bikes fixed at a discounted rate. The Repairs services has an average of 10 requests each month. |

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- The group is currently running a Bikeability level 1 at Chatelherault Primary in Hamilton. This will continue onto level 2 in the spring term. They have also provided borrowing bikes to High Blantyre Primary and St Johns Primary (Hamilton) to allow them to facilitate their own Bikeability and encourage pupils to cycle to school.
- Throughout the Spring holiday (2022) the group ran projects in the Hamilton and Hillhouse areas to allow children and families to take part in bike borrowing and challenges to increase the number of miles they could travel using active travel. This was very successful with an average of 60 participants each day with many parents joining in.
- The schools and other participants give details of how many miles they cycle each month. The group will collate this information and report how many miles cycled at the end of the project (due March 2023).



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| <p>Burnhill Action Group Community Garden</p> | <p>Burnhill Action Group were awarded a grant of £2,500 to continue the development of land commonly known as The Highbacks. The group aim to develop the land into a safe, welcoming outdoor space that the whole community can enjoy. Funds will be used to building planters and raised beds to grow fruit and vegetables, and to build a cabin/shed to be used as a community space. At the time of the award the group had secured £4,200 in participatory budgeting funds and in June 2022 they were awarded £7,000 from The Asda Foundation.</p> <p>Projects outcomes achieved to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funds awarded have been used to continue the development of the land commonly known as ‘the Highbacks’. Raised beds have been built and fresh produce has been grown this year and the group have made jam and soup with products grown. • The group have erected the “Highbacks Hideaway” cabin which will allow activities to run over the winter. A coffee hut is run as a social enterprise with any profits invested back into the project. • The group has hosted 2 large community events this year, welcoming around 300 residents as well as hosting coffee mornings, outdoor bingo and exercise sessions. • The development of the land has seen a massive reduction in fly tipping and anti-social behavior in the area. Young people are eager to get involved in the project, helping out with grass cutting, growing and building. • 24 local volunteers are dedicated to making the Highbacks a thriving community space with opportunities to plant, grow and harvest produce. They have identified several local residents who are very experienced gardeners and keen to share their knowledge with their neighbours. • All activities, courses and events are open to all in Burnhill and the surrounding areas. Volunteers offer a warm welcome and all local people are encouraged to get involved. |

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- Feedback from residents and users:

“it’s all looking fabulous and keeps going from strength to strength, well done to every one of you”

“such an enjoyable morning at the first coffee morning, the Highbacks have been totally transformed by local families, creating an amazing space where the community can come together all year round.. community doing it for themselves”

“thanks for organising this community day, my kids have had a ball and I have met people I haven’t seen for years, it’s been a great day”

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Calderwood Primary Outdoor Classroom




A grant was awarded to Calderwood Primary to support their outdoor classroom project.

Project outcomes achieved to date:

- The outdoor classroom encourages teachers to take learning outdoors as much as possible, in all weathers.
 - The outdoor classroom and areas within the garden will be timetabled for use by the whole school.
 - Pupils will take part in class topics about the environment and climate change within the space.
- *“Our children and staff have loved making use of this fantastic outdoor space and it is used regularly for a variety of different lessons. Our outdoor classroom is also well used at playtimes and lunchtimes as a reading nook for all our children.”* Julie Kirkland, Depute Head Teacher

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| <p>Lammermoor Allotments Association</p> | <p>Lammermoor Allotments Association were awarded a grant to purchase a shed, shed base and solar lighting pack for the allotment site. The shed will be used as a 'Share Shed' for sharing seeds, produce, tools and knowledge. It will provide a hub for social events and a shelter area from adverse weather.</p> <p>Project outcomes achieved to date: The shed has been purchased and built. The next stage of the project is to install the solar lighting and to set up the tool/resource sharing and provide furniture for a rest area. The shed will then be opened to all members.</p>  |
| <p>Stonehouse Eco Festival</p> | <p>A grant was awarded to the Stonehouse Eco Festival which took place in May 2022. This was a community led initiative to share ideas and promote a greater awareness of climate change issues. The grant allowed the group to produce an informative programme and publicity materials to promote the event.</p> <p>Project outcomes achieved to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event had a big community turnout from around Lanarkshire with councillors, leaders of council, MSPs and MPs attending. • Over 20 national and local organisations attended the event. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The organisers have produced an event guide for communities seeking to establish their own events. Some feedback from participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Loved the event, inspiring”.</i> <i>“As your first Eco Festival, and being unable to determine attendance numbers, you covered all bases well”</i> <i>“Great for networking and also support from local councillors and MSP”</i> <i>“Fantastic event, the event co-ordinators were very friendly and helpful, I have a fantastic day”</i> <i>“I thought the whole event was excellently run and was very happy to have been part of it!”</i> |
| Waste Not Want Not Community Reuse Shop | <p>A grant was awarded to reuse shop Waste Not Want Not to purchase essential equipment including washing machine, scales and storage to increase the capacity of the reuse shop and reduce items going to landfill.</p> <p>Project outcomes achieved to date:</p> <p><i>“The Climate Emergency Fund allowed us to purchase a 12kg washing machine and tumble dryer, scales and more storage for our stock room for sorting items.</i></p> <p><i>We are now able to wash items that we would previously would have gone to cash for clothes or landfill.</i></p> <p><i>In July we saved 1254.8kg of clothing and textiles that would otherwise have gone to landfill. These items have either been reused, repaired and re-loved.</i></p> <p><i>The scales enable us to keep statistics, any items that are donated are weighed before they enter the</i></p>  |

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| | <p data-bbox="555 252 719 280"><i>stock room.</i></p> <p data-bbox="555 325 2002 392"><i>We now have over 400 members of our clothes swap service on top of that we have many people who use the shop to purchase items which are donated”.</i></p> <p data-bbox="555 437 1317 466">Jan Thomson, Project Manager, Waste Not Want Not.</p> <p data-bbox="555 510 1787 539"><u>Support available for groups as Climate Week gets underway - South Lanarkshire View</u></p> |