

# Report

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Report to:	<b>Executive Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>27 June 2018</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Sustainable Development Strategy Update</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide an update on the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the 2017/2018 quarter 4 position in respect of actions and measures within the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy be noted; and
- (2) that the publication of the Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan RPP3 be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. The Council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy was approved by the Executive Committee on 6 December 2017 and covers a five year period from 2017 to 2022.

3.2. Delivery of actions within the Strategy provides the main focus for the Council's sustainable development and climate change activity and also enables the Council to fulfil its duties under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003 and the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

3.3. The Strategy's action plan clearly sets out specific actions to be undertaken to deliver objectives under each theme. The action plan is monitored using IMPROVe and progress will be reported to Committee twice yearly, at Q2 and Q4 stages.

## 4. Sustainable Development Strategy 2017/2018 Q4 Update

4.1. The action plan for 2017/2018 contains 27 actions across the three strategic themes. Each action has one or more defined measures providing the current status for each action. In total there are 45 measures in the 2017/2018 action plan.

4.2. The overall summary of progress at the end of quarter two is as follows:-

Total number of measures		<b>45</b>
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	39 (87%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	2 (4%)
Status - Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target	0 (0%)
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 (9%)

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

4.4. Highlights during 2017/2018 include:-

- ◆ 90 primary school workshops on air quality and sustainable travel have been achieved and a high school teacher resource pack has also been developed
- ◆ both the Biodiversity Duty and Climate Change Duty reports were submitted to the Scottish Government
- ◆ the development of the new Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy, which was approved by the Executive Committee in December 2017
- ◆ phase 1 of the Management Plan at Millheugh/Greenhall Estate completed (work included restoration of footpaths; woodland restructuring and removal of conifers; securing boundaries against vehicle access and fly-tipping; and treatment of invasive species)
- ◆ felling work completed at West Brownlie and Mauldslie Woods
- ◆ the Waste Awareness Team assisting secondary schools with project work associated with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)
- ◆ the SLC Glow site has been updated to include access to Learning for Sustainability resources

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

5.1 The Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan was published in February 2018. This Climate Change Plan is the third report on proposals and policies (RPP3) and lays out how Scotland can deliver annual targets for reductions in emissions from 2018 to 2032. The plan outlines how Scotland will meet the carbon reduction target of 66% against 1990 levels by 2032.

5.2 It is expected that Scotland's public bodies lead by example in contributing towards achieving Scotland's emissions reduction targets. It is seen that the public sector is critical to the successful delivery of the Climate Change Plan by influencing and enabling positive behaviours; driving change; and acting as an exemplar of climate action and low carbon innovation.

5.3 A draft of the plan was published in January 2017 for consultation and this section of

the report outlines the main changes between the draft and published plan and potential implications for the Council

### Changes

Scotland's Ambitions 2018-2032	Draft Plan 2017	Final Plan 2018	Implications for the Council
Reduce emissions from Homes	75% over the life-time of the plan	23% over the life-time of the plan	Although this provides the Council with an achievable target and timescale there is a risk that only meeting 23% by 2032 may not be enough of a step-change to meet longer term targets, set by the SG, leaving the Council with bigger challenges from 2032 onwards. The Council's Energy Framework will take this into account. This Framework is an officer forum for progressing the Council's energy efficiency agenda.
Homes to be heated by low-carbon technologies	80% by 2032	35% by 2032	Provides the Council with a more realistic target and timescales for the investment and development required to install new and retrofit affordable low-carbon heat solutions in our housing stock. The Energy Framework should include initial plans for low-carbon technology pilots
Reduce emissions from non-domestic buildings	Near-zero carbon emissions by 2032	53% over the life-time of the plan	Provides the Council with a more realistic target and timescale for investment and development. The Energy Framework should include a plan to further reduce emissions from general service buildings
Transport	32% over the life-time of the plan	37% over the life-time of the plan	Slightly more challenging target. Ensure that plans for decarbonising the Council's fleet and associated infrastructure will need to incorporate this additional reduction
Reduce emissions from Industry	19% over the life-time of the plan	21% over the life-time of the plan	This slight increase in ambition may result in additional support required for local industry to keep competitiveness in South Lanarkshire

5.4 Following on from the above the Council has in place a number of mechanisms for progressing its climate change agenda including the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy, the Local Development Plan and the Council's Energy Framework which will be used to continue the Council's progress towards these new targets.

5.5 For members' information, the Scottish Government announced the introduction of a new Climate Change Bill which includes new challenging carbon reduction targets of 90% by 2050. It is anticipated that the new Bill will come into effect during 2020/2021 and will result in the development of a new climate change plan. A separate report will be presented to members for their consideration when this Bill is published.

## **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 Actions within the sustainable development and climate change strategy and associated action plan are funded from existing Resource budgets.

## **8. Other Implications**

8.1 The new sustainable development and climate change strategy has undergone public consultation and through the Strategic Environmental Assessment process.

8.2 The impact on the Council's sustainability agenda is included in the report.

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

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

## **Previous References**

- ◆ Executive Committee, 6 December 2018

## **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009
- ◆ Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022
- ◆ The Scottish Government's Energy Strategy
- ◆ Carbon Management Plan update report 2016

## **Contact for Further Information**

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