



South Lanarkshire
Good Food
Strategy
2020-2025



Performance Report

Quarter : - April to June

Sustainable
South Lanarkshire



What are the objectives of the Good Food Strategy?

There are 12 objectives categorised into six themes.

Good Food at Home and in the Community

1. Support individuals, families and communities in strengthening Good Food culture, in particular in relation to health and wellbeing, in developing interest and skills for food, including food growing and cooking. Promoting Good Food during pregnancy, childhood and old age is a priority.
2. By working with existing community food initiatives and partners, help reducing food insecurity and poverty by building the resilience of individuals and families and preventing crisis. If emergency support is needed, encourage dignified and respectful responses.



Good Food in the Public Sector

3. Ensure that the council prepares, serves and promotes enjoyable, healthy, and sustainable food in council properties and schools by seeking to meet the Soil Association Food for Life standards as appropriate.
4. Engage with partners and the private sector to explore and research opportunities to improve public procurement of food, including in relation to the provision of local food.



Good Food Economy

5. Support the development of safe, healthy and affordable local retail and catering food environments.
6. Encourage the development of a thriving and sustainable local food economy that is fair and inclusive, and contributes to the creation of decent and skilled jobs in the food sector.



Good Food Growing

7. Increase the provision of high quality food growing opportunities.
8. Engage with partners and local food growing initiatives to promote and support sustainable food growing.



Good Food for the Environment

9. Reduce food waste and food packaging in the public sector and support the community and the private sector to do so, redistribute food surplus and support food composting.
10. Connect with the community, partners and the private sector to reduce the impacts of the food system on the environment and its contribution to climate change and promote animal welfare.



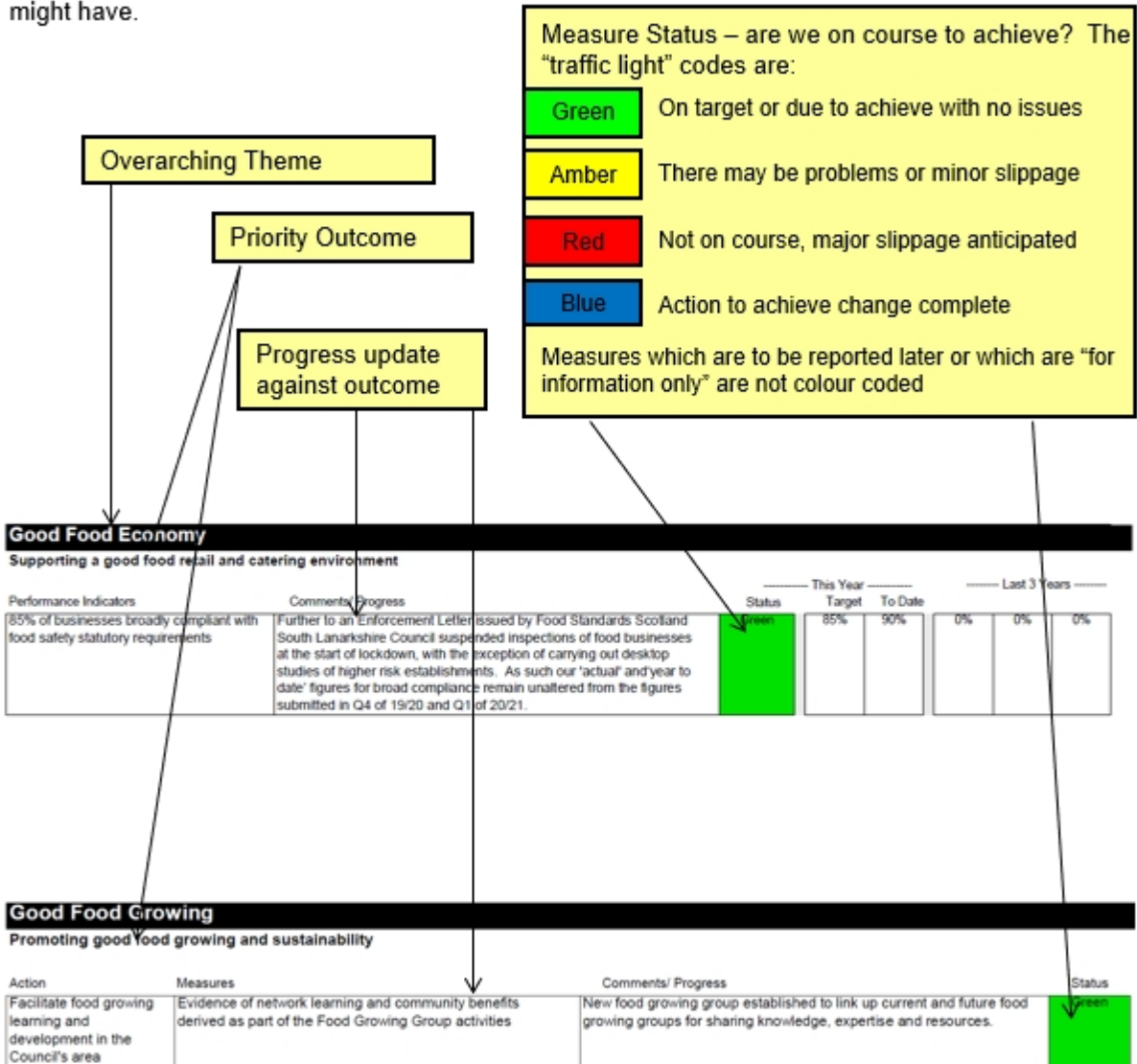
Good Food Governance

11. Engage with, build on and support the various local food initiatives and encourage collaboration and partnership.
12. Ensure that healthy, sustainable, fair food is embedded in local policies, increase policy coherence and guarantee that food has a high profile across the council by connecting with partners.



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.



Summary (Section 1) - number of Quantitative Measures green, amber and red under each Good Food Strategy objective

Theme	Green	Amber	Red	Report later / Contextual	Total
Good Food at Home and in the Community	1			3	4
Good Food Economy	1			1	2
Good Food for the Environment				2	2
Good Food Governance				1	1
Good Food Growing	1			4	5
Good Food in the Public Sector	4	1		3	8
Total	7	1	0	14	22

Summary (Section 2) - number of Project Measures complete, green, amber and red under each Good Food Strategy objective

Theme	Complete	Green	Amber	Red	Report later	Total
Good Food at Home and in the Community		3				3
Good Food in the Public Sector	1	1				2
Good Food Economy		2				2
Good Food Growing		1	2			3
Good Food for the Environment		4				4
Good Food Governance		5			1	6
Total	1	16	2	0	1	20

Good Food Strategy

Section 1: Quantitative measures

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food at Home and in the Community

1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food insecurity and poverty

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/
Number of learners from Youth, Family and Community Learning service (Education) benefiting from food related learning programmes	<p>567 learners have taken part in food related learning programmes through the Youth, Family and Community Learning Service across South Lanarkshire.</p> <p>Food growing and cooking projects include the 'Nowhere to Grow' Project and 'Eco Eaters'; REHIS related programme; Healthy cooking and nutrition programmes; cooking on a budget; after school cookery and dinner clubs; baking programmes for young people and outdoor cookery programmes.</p> <p>The programmes have helped learners to identify healthy alternatives and improve skill and knowledge in relation to health and overall wellbeing.</p>	Green	220	567	0	567	414
Number of children eligible for free school meals and supported during school holiday periods (£2.50 per day)	The number of children currently entitled to Free School Meals payments during school holiday periods is 8,562. This figure is subject to change as the year progresses.	Contextual	-----	8,562	0	0	0
Number of referrals to specific food initiatives for families experiencing food insecurity (Best Start Food applications; Healthy Start Voucher applications; Food Bank referrals; School meal applications; Scottish Welfare Fund applications)	Money Matters made 625 food related referrals for families experiencing food insecurity during the Q1 and Q2 periods. This includes 502 to food banks, 68 to the Scottish Welfare Fund crisis grants, 40 to Best Start Food and 15 to school meals.	Contextual	-----	625	0	0	1,056
Number of food parcels delivered by food banks	The figures covering period quarter one and quarter two 2022/23 will be available from early October 2022.	Report Later	-----	-----	0	0	41,293

Good Food in the Public Sector

3. Improving food in schools and council properties 4. Improving food in public places

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/
Level of free primary school meals uptake (as proportion of total primary school free meals which could be taken up over the period)	The free school meal uptake level is on target to be met by the year end.	Green	65%	68%	0%	0%	58%

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/
Level of free secondary school meals uptake (as proportion of total secondary school free meals which could be taken up over the period)	Free meal uptake achieving target.	Green	41%	42%	-----	41%	44%
Level of total (free and paid) primary school meal uptake (as proportion of total primary school meals which could be taken up over the period)	Meal uptake is achieving target set.	Green	59%	65%	59%	41%	58%
Level of total (free and paid) secondary school meal uptake (as proportion of total secondary school meals which could be taken up over the period)	Uptake of secondary school meals has been lower since the pandemic, but is in line with figures taken from the Scotland census February 2022. However, we can see a growing improvement in the figures and in period 6 alone, the uptake figure was 44%. We expect the year to date figure to improve over the winter period when uptake is traditionally higher.	Amber	47%	39%	47%	24%	36%
Number of lunches served in nursery schools as part of new Scottish Government Early Years Initiative.	Included is the Period 1 - 5 lunch figures. Period 6 is not yet available and will be reported in quarter three.	Green	450,500	177,229	288,486	218,249	438,249
Number of free breakfasts served in primary schools during school days	Number of free breakfasts served in primary schools during school days is 226,919 (figures covering period 1 to period 6).	Contextual	-----	226,919	0	0	0
Annual public procurement spending on Fairtrade products in schools and council premises	Data are reported annually.	Report Later	-----	-----	-----	£3,890	£4,116
Annual public procurement spending on local food (i.e. food produced or manufactured in Scotland)	Data are reported annually.	Report Later	-----	-----	0%	0%	39%

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Economy

5. Supporting a good food retail and catering environment 6. Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/
Food businesses compliant with food safety statutory requirements	<p>The rating scheme used to determine broad compliance with food safety requirements in food businesses operating within South Lanarkshire and inspected by Environmental Services assesses overall compliance with both food hygiene and food standards legislation.</p> <p>Year to date, 96% of food businesses were found to be broadly compliant with both food hygiene and food standards legislation.</p> <p>This compliance figure continues to exceed the annual target set for this measure, and has increased gradually since a new food law rating scheme has come into effect. This is due to the fact that the new food law rating scheme allows local authorities to focus resources on high risk and non-compliant businesses by conducting more frequent inspections in these establishments</p>	Green	85%	96%	-----	90%	93%
Number of local food businesses engaged with and supported (start-ups and established)	Economic Development supported 62 local food and drink businesses by directly providing advice to businesses, sign-posting them to a broad range of other support services and by supporting them with networking and funding.	Contextual	-----	62	0	0	0

Good Food Growing

7. Providing food growing opportunities 8. Promoting good food growing and sustainability

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/
Size of Prime Agriculture Land protected from development	There has been no loss of prime agricultural land during the period.	Green	6,213	6,213	0	0	6,213
Increase in the number of overall plot holders on Council managed food growing sites by March 2023	Data are reported annually. The objective is to increase the number of ploholders by 10%.	Report Later	36	-----	0	0	31
Increase in the area of council land made available for food growing sites by March 2023	Data are reported annually. The objective is to increase the area by 10%.	Report Later	10%	-----	0%	0%	20%

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Good Food Growing

7. Providing food growing opportunities 8. Promoting good food growing and sustainability

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/
Increase in the overall number of food growing participants on council land including schools, care homes, housing areas and areas managed by community groups or third party organisations by March 2023	Data are reported annually. The objective is to increase the number of food growing participants by 5%.	Report Later	261	-----	0	0	167
Occupancy levels at council managed food growing sites	Data are reported annually.	Report Later	98%	-----	0%	0%	99%

Good Food for the Environment

9. Reducing food waste and packaging 10. Limiting the impact of food system on the environment and climate change

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/
Share of householders using the council's food waste collection service	A count of bins with food in them will take place in January-February 2023 when tonnage of garden waste is at the lowest level, therefore providing more accurate figures.	Report Later	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Quantity of food waste from school catering as proportion of total food purchased (all food waste is collected by council contractor for recycling/composting)	Figures will be reported at Q4.	Report Later	2%	-----	-----	-----	1%

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Governance

11. Developing and strengthening food partnerships 12. Making good food a priority in the council's area

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2019/20	2020/21	2021/
Report on the £0.3m Food Strategy Support Fund budget including the community grants by March 2024	<p>£0.27m has been committed, with the breakdown of projects approved in 2022-2023 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £5,000 for Unpaid Work Service Garden Project (Social Work) - £15,000 to develop Additional Growing Space at Richmond Allotment - £32,500 to five other projects which were approved for funding in financial year 2021/22 - £19,000 to 21 Community Grants. Initially, £20,000 had been earmarked for Food Strategy Community Grants over two financial years (2022/23 and 2023/24). However, due to the popularity of the grants it was agreed that the full amount would be allocated over one year instead (2022/23). - £205,000 has been set aside to provide one allotment site in the Hamilton area. A report outlining options for the Hamilton area was presented at the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in August 2022 and the next step is for planning applications to be submitted. 	Contextual	£0.300m	£0.277m	£0.000m	£0.000m	£0.000m

Good Food Strategy

Section 2: Project measures

Good Food at Home and in the Community

1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food insecurity and poverty

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Work in partnership with community food organisations and partners to identify and support the development of initiatives to tackle food poverty	Activities developed to tackle food insecurity including improving access to food and ensuring those accessing aid receive the advice and support required	<p>The cash first referral leaflet developed by the Independent Food Aid Network in partnership with the council, Citizen Advice Bureau, local food banks was launched in May 2022. It has been widely distributed including at the Holiday Summer Hubs and in schools (with more than 5,000 leaflets ordered by schools).</p> <p>In 2022, Summer Session Hubs ran within 14 locations for a duration of 6 weeks with breakfast and lunch service served each day. 834 children from low income families participated with 22,828 meals provided over the duration of the programme.</p> <p>The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board also took the decision to adopt a more integrated approach to food among partners at its meeting in September 2022 and this includes “to work in partnership in order to try to reduce the reliance on food banks faced by people in situation of food poverty, within the area of influence of local CPPs, by prioritising access to emergency financial assistance, money advice and access to holistic support services”.</p> <p>Information on key support available for people facing food insecurity issues was also shared during the Challenge Poverty Week in October 2022.</p> <p>A new Tackling Poverty officer has also joined the Community Engagement Team with the remit to develop a Tackling Poverty Action Plan.</p>	Green

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1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food insecurity and poverty

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Deliver Kitchen Learning Hub to service users of the Unpaid Work Service in collaboration with Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership	Increased number of service users participating in the hub and gaining REHIS qualifications. Service users report having more confidence to cook healthy meals for themselves and family and report a better understanding of nutrition and impact on their health and wellbeing	<p>Kitchen Learning Hub (KLH) is an ongoing practical cooking and nutrition education course for Auchentibber Community Payback service users.</p> <p>The service continues to have capacity for three service users per week to attend KLH Mondays- Wednesdays. Lanark service users still have the opportunity to attend remotely on Microsoft teams on Thursdays and have ingredients delivered to them to ensure their participation.</p> <p>From March to September 2022, 169 service users have attended the KLH sessions.</p> <p>During the same period, 202 service users attended bread making sessions that were delivered in-house every Thursday and Friday. These sessions were led by a case manager and fresh baked bread was donated to homeless organisations within South Lanarkshire.</p> <p>Service users have reported feeling more confident in the kitchen and sharing the food that they make with their families.</p> <p>REHIS accreditations – this was not available to the service users during this period as the allocated worker was not trained to deliver this at the time. There is now a new worker in place who can facilitate REHIS accreditations and service users who have missed this opportunity can now undertake REHIS accreditations if they wish.</p>	Green

Good Food at Home and in the Community

1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food insecurity and poverty

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Employ an educational gardener to support service users of Unpaid Work Service undertaking food growing as part of their unpaid work	Service users report increased knowledge and skills in gardening and food growing. Opportunity to undertake the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society GLiN Award. Fruit and vegetables grown are distributed to support foodbanks and other community food initiatives promoting access to locally grown affordable produce.	<p>In March 2022, the Unpaid Work Service employed an Educational Gardener to start a new project promoting a 'seed to plate' approach. It allows service users to grow vegetables within Auchentibber grounds, prepare food and receive education in relation to nutrition.</p> <p>The set-up phase of the garden is now complete. The placement started in October 2022 for four service users. As the project is in the initial stages, the first harvest has been small and has been distributed to service users and for use in the KLH.</p> <p>An increased harvest is expected in line with the natural growth of the project so that service users could be provided with their five vegetables a day from the garden from Spring 2023. The increased harvest will also benefit the community pantry in the future.</p>	Green

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food in the Public Sector

3. Improving food in schools and in council properties 4. Improving food in public places

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
With the Sustainable Food Procurement group, support the progress of the analysis on the capability of Lanarkshire F&D businesses to supply SLC	Progress of the analysis on the capability of Lanarkshire F&D businesses to supply SLC	The analysis on the capability of local food and drink businesses to supply food to the different council buyers was carried out from July to October 2022 with consultations with council services, local businesses and external partners. Results will be presented to council officers in November 2022 when the recommendations and next steps will also be discussed.	Green
Promote a food pledge aligned with the SL Good Food definition; meeting the MSC, red tractor and QMS standards for fish, chicken and red meat; and meeting the Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in schools	Food pledge promoted by March 2023	Complete - The food pledge is promoted on all menu promotional materials and is also available on the council website.	Complete

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Good Food Economy

5. Supporting a good food retail and catering environment 6. Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Encourage networking amongst the food and drink sector	Demonstrated activities to encourage networking in the sector	The council financially supports the local food and drink business network "Lanarkshire Larder" (along with Scotland Food and Drink and North Lanarkshire Council). The network arranges regular networking events for the food and drink sector. It is now in its second year and has over 60 members in this sector throughout Lanarkshire.	Green
Promote use of local food produce (promotion and events) across business sectors	Demonstrated activities to promote local products	<p>Lanarkshire Larder has received funding from Scotland Food & Drink, South Lanarkshire Council and North Lanarkshire Council to fund a co-ordinator's role to drive its activities. The network also received funding from the Government's Regional Food Fund to help with their branding and funding from VisitScotland's Destination, and Sector Marketing Fund to create food trails across Lanarkshire to raise the profile of businesses.</p> <p>Lanarkshire Larder is also liaising with New College Lanarkshire to encourage increased use of Lanarkshire produce. Economic Development is also working with South Lanarkshire College about them using more South Lanarkshire products.</p> <p>Economic Development also worked with South Lanarkshire College and E3 Hub South Lanarkshire to produce two promotional videos. Video are available here: What's Fresh: https://youtu.be/vRMyHictNOg Biggar Gin: https://youtu.be/G7XGdb5dg9s</p>	Green

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Growing

7. Providing food growing opportunities 8. Promoting food growing and sustainability

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Develop a council wide Open Space Strategy (OSS) including an assessment of the current quality and location of food growing opportunities and identify potential suitable areas where new or improved provision could be appropriate	Audit of existing open space provision to be completed by mid 2022 and draft OSS by end 2022/2023	This audit of open space provision has been a significant piece of work given the size of the Council area. Work on it is almost complete. Following this, data needs to be analysed, a comprehensive engagement exercise has to be carried out, and then the Open Space strategy will be written.	Amber
Work with local communities who are preparing Local Place Plans for their area to identify opportunities locally to meet any aspirations related to food growing	Corporate response developed and in place by end of Q2	The development of the Local Place Plans is dependent on local communities indicating their desire to prepare such plans. To date interest has been low. Planning will shortly be publishing information on the Council website alerting the public to the new legislation on Local Place Plans and hope to improve interest in this way.	Amber
Ensure embedding of health and wellbeing issues in the preparation of Local Development Plan 3 in accordance with the NPF4 and consider the need for interim supporting planning guidance	Progress in the development of the LDP (5 year process with preparation of the Evidence Report commencing later in 2022 including evidence on Lifelong Health and Wellbeing) Publication of planning guidance for any new policy areas emerging from the new National Planning Framework as an interim measure	Preparation of Local Development Plan (LDP) 3 will formally commence when the final version of the Scottish Government's LDP Regulations is issued. This is expected to be early 2023. Work has started on data collection and meetings with other services and stakeholders are taking place to establish the evidence base for the LDP.	Green

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Good Food for the Environment

9. Reducing food waste and packaging 10. Limiting the impact of food system on the environment and climate change

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Consider extending the food waste collection service	Review of existing service provision and identification of costs associated with extending the service to rural areas or identify alternatives to help residents manage food waste	The final decision on extending the food waste collection service in rural areas will be dependent on the outcome of the council's charging review and waste review. However, to increase recycling of food waste in rural areas, the service has completed a tender process to purchase 'hot composters' as an alternative to extending the food waste.	Green
Revise the content of the presentations provided by the Waste Education Team to schools in South Lanarkshire to include information about food waste reduction and recycling	Educational material updated by March 2023 including criteria to assess the impact of the educational programme	<p>Waste Education have reviewed the content that they present at primary schools and have included a section on the 'food waste journey'. Emphasis also being put on the need to reduce food waste (not just to treat it after it has been produced).</p> <p>Waste Educational Team also provided support to Education to deliver-mini-COP events at two Special Educational Needs Schools (Rutherglen High School and Sanderson High School). The company Enva (who treats council food/garden waste and make compost) supplied compost for the pupils to plant spring bulbs.</p>	Green
Continue to reduce the council's reliance on avoidable single-use plastic items for food	Actions to reduce the reliance on single-use plastic items for food across the council	<p>Facility Services is meeting the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 introduced in 1 June 2022.</p> <p>To meet the new legislation, any single use plastic products affected by the regulation were replaced with products made from more sustainable materials.</p> <p>More information on the reduction of single use item reduction can be found in the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee report presented on 31 August 2022 (Item 12).</p>	Green
Undertake campaigns promoting sustainable food to Council employees and South Lanarkshire residents	Type of campaigns promoting sustainable food	<p>Seasonality food calendars were published on social media and intranet until August 2022.</p> <p>The Too Good Too Go app was also promoted to employees via emails.</p>	Green

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Governance

11. Developing and strengthening food partnerships 12. Making good food a priority in the council's area

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Promote Fairtrade principles in the council's area together with members of the Fairtrade steering group and renew the Fairtrade Zone status of the council	Fairtrade Zone Status renewed by August 2022	The Fairtrade Zone Status of the council was automatically renewed this year by the Fairtrade Foundation.	Green
	Demonstrated activities promoting Fairtrade principles	On the occasion of World Fair Trade Day in May 2022, the council supported the SL Fairtrade steering group with the organisation of a Fairtrade lunch in the Hillhouse community centre in Hamilton organised with St Ninian's Primary School. Most of the activities promoting Fairtrade take place during the Fairtrade Fortnight in February each year.	Green
Encourage and facilitate information sharing among participants of the Good Food Forum and encourage a partnership approach to progress the objective of the food strategy	Demonstrated activities to encourage and facilitate networking and partnership	The 'South Lanarkshire Good Food Forum discussion list' made of 52 food stakeholders in the council area is regularly used to share information such as the development of new local food initiatives or funding opportunities. Support was also provided to several council and non-council food initiatives, and contacts, shared with the objective of increasing networking and partnership.	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Pilot the Fork to Farm dialogue meetings to increase understanding and collaboration between the local farming community and the council	Demonstrated activities to increase understanding and collaboration between the local farming community and the council	<p>Several Fork to Farm Dialogue meetings were organised with local farmers, council officers and other representatives from key organisations (NFU, RHET and Lanarkshire Larder). These meetings led to the identification of key potential areas of collaboration between the farming community and the council.</p> <p>The Local Action Group implementing the Rural Community Led Local Development Programme will now consider how they can link in with the Farm to Fork group, collaborating with them and consulting/involving them in relevant projects, and considering the provision of funding to them.</p>	Green
Work with partners including the Community Planning Partnership to define and implement collective actions to progress the objectives of the Good Food Strategy	Demonstrated actions to increase partnership working among partners	<p>Following a workshop organised in June 2022 with the Progress Group of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) to discuss how to adopt a more strategic approach to food among partners, recommendations were presented and approved by the CPP Board in September 2022. Recommendations include: (1) mainstreaming and promoting Good Food across the partnership; (2) sharing more information on local food initiatives and increasing networking among partners and within the community; (3) sharing information among partners on priority areas and key areas of influence and considering the development of collective actions; (4) engaging with communities to support them in the development of healthier, fairer, and more sustainable food systems; (5) holding further discussions following future local and national policy developments. The implementation of these recommendations will be discussed with the Progress Group.</p>	Green
Conduct a mid-term review of the Good Food Strategy	Publication of the mid-term review report	The midterm review of the Good Food Strategy will be conducted later this year.	Report Later