



South
Lanarkshire
**Good
Food**
Strategy
2020-2025



Performance Report

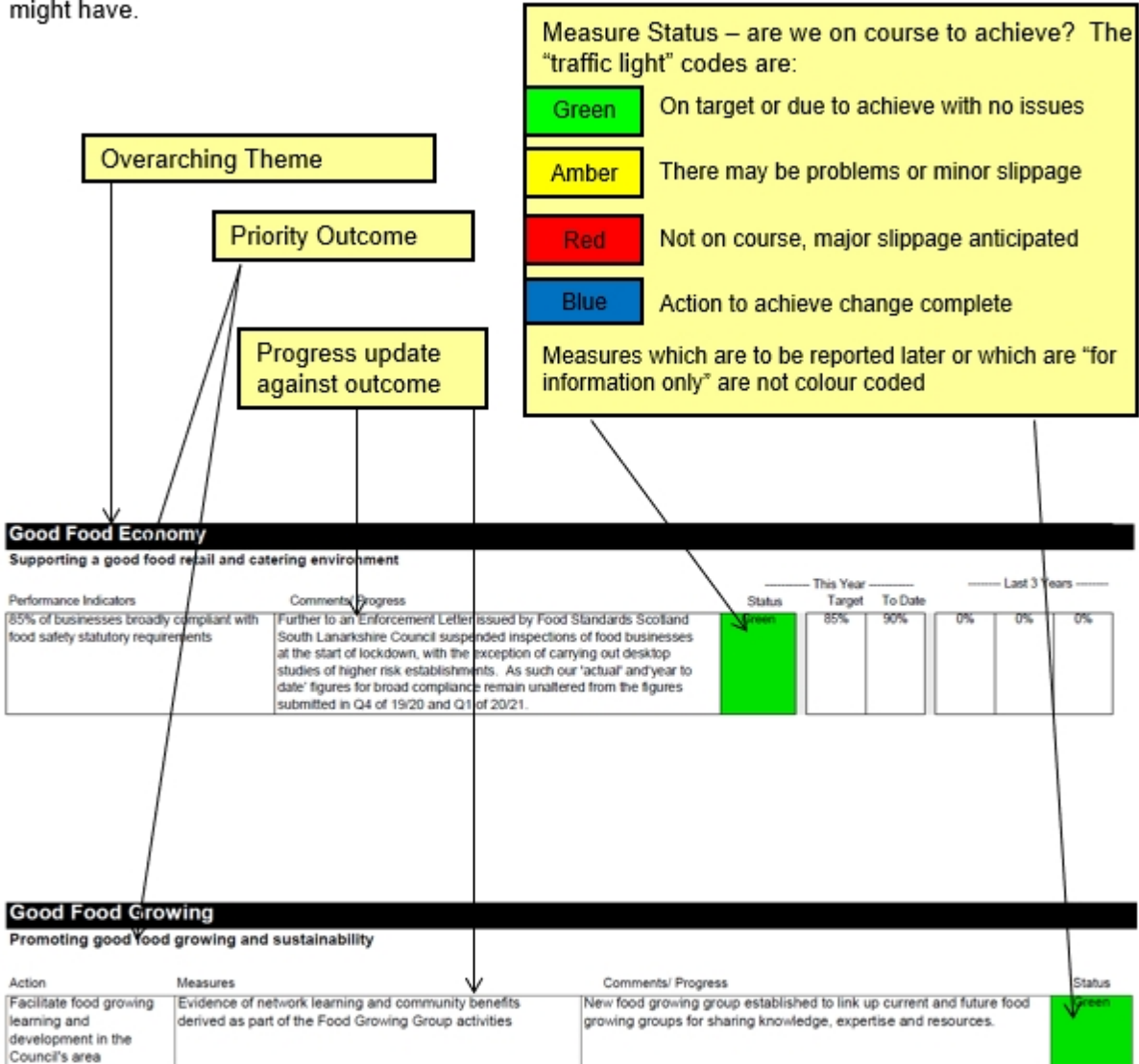
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How to use this performance report

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.



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.



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	4			1	5
Good Food in the Public Sector	5			3	8
Total	12	0	0	10	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
Good Food Economy		2				2
Good Food Growing		3				3
Good Food for the Environment		1			1	2
Good Food Governance		6				6
Total	0	16	0	0	1	17

Good Food Strategy

Section 1: Quantitative measures

Good Food at Home and in the Community

1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food insecurity and promoting dignity

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Number of learners from Youth, Family and Community Learning service (Education) benefiting from food related learning programmes	277 learners benefited from food learning related programmes delivered by the Youth, Family and Community Learning service in quarter one and two. Figures are on target to be met by the year end. Programmes included: Cooking on a Budget, KEAR primary café programme, Young Carers, Outdoor cooking experiences, Eco Eaters, Girls Groups, Platform Schools Group – Hospitality, Nowhere to Grow, REHIS Food Hygiene-certificated programmes, Level Up, 'Foody Friday', Pathfinders cook for home programme, Rutherglen Adult Cooking Group, 'Me Time parents group'.	Green	300	277	567	414	834
Number of children eligible for free school meals and supported during school holiday periods (£2.50 per day)	8,869 children were supported during school holiday periods with a cash payment.	Contextual	-----	8,869	0	0	9,544

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 promoting dignity

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Number of referrals to specific food initiatives for families experiencing food insecurity made by Council services and partners (Best Start Food applications; Healthy Start Voucher applications; Food Bank referrals; School meal applications; Scottish Welfare Fund applications)	<p>Money Matters Advice Service made food related referrals for families experiencing food insecurity as follows for the period 01/04/23 to 11/10/23. Figures for last year during the same period are also provided within brackets for comparison purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food Banks: 668 (541) - Scottish Welfare Fund: 61 (48) - Best Start Foods: 12 (45) - School Meals: 2 (15) <p>Total referrals: 743 (649)</p> <p>There has been an increase in food bank referrals compared to last year and a reduction in school meal referrals possibly due to additional work done to promote it within the school setting. Referrals to Best Start Foods have also reduced possibly due to the strong promotion carried out by the Scottish Social Security (which may have resulted in more self-claiming).</p> <p>Only referrals made by the Council are included so far in this report as data are collected on a yearly basis.</p>	Contextual	-----	743	0	1,056	3,565

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Number of people receiving food parcels or vouchers distributed by food banks	<p>The aggregate figures for the South Lanarkshire food banks covering the period 01/04/2023 to 30/09/2023 indicates that 12,811 households were referred during this period. This includes 21,162 people (13,901 adults and 7,261 children).</p> <p>The number of households referred to local food banks during quarter one and two has increased by almost 29%, with the number of children being fed through emergency parcels increasing by the same percentage compared to this time 12 months ago.</p> <p>The number of children being fed through emergency food parcels during the past 6 months represents the highest figure ever recorded in South Lanarkshire Council, for the first 6 months of the year.</p> <p>In addition to food parcels, local food banks have also distributed other forms of aid to help households with the cost of living, these include distribution of 683 energy vouchers and 255 vouchers to enable clients to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables.</p>	Contextual	-----	21,162	0	41,293	57,709

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	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
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	60%	66%	41%	58%	66%
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)	Meal uptake is achieving target set.	Green	38%	38%	24%	36%	38%

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Number of lunches served in nursery schools as part of new Scottish Government Early Years Initiative	Lunch figures up to and including period 6.	Green	500,000	238,409	218,249	438,249	571,245
Number of free breakfasts served in primary schools during school days	Number of free breakfasts served in primary schools during school days is 273,431 (figures covering period 1 to period 6).	Contextual	-----	273,431	0	0	727,816
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%	75%	0%	58%	73%
Level of free secondary school meals uptake (as proportion of total secondary 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	41%	40%	41%	44%	43%
Annual public procurement spending on Fairtrade products in schools and council premises	Data are reported annually.	Report Later	-----	-----	£3,890	£4,116	£9,348
Annual public procurement spending on local food (i.e. food produced or manufactured in Scotland)	Data are reported annually.	Report Later	-----	-----	0%	39%	36%

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	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Food businesses compliant with food safety statutory requirements	95% of food businesses inspected were found to be broadly compliant. This equates to 2,648 food businesses. This compliance figure continues to exceed the annual target set for this measure, and has increased gradually since the new food law rating scheme came into effect in 2019. 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.	Green	85%	95%	90%	93%	96%
Number of local food businesses engaged with and supported	Figures will be reported at quarter four.	Report Later	-----	-----	0	0	10

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	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Loss of Prime Agriculture Land as a result of non-agricultural development	No applications resulting in the loss of Prime Agricultural Land were granted in quarter one and quarter two.	Green	0	0	0	6,213	6,213
Increase in the number of overall plot holders on Council managed food growing sites by March 2024	Chatelherault allotment site opened in Summer 2023 with an increase of 64 plot holders, which is an 18% increase compared to last year. The target for 2023-24 was 10%.	Green	36	64	0	31	25
Increase in the area of council land made available for food growing sites by March 2024	Chatelherault allotment site opened, increasing area of council land for food growing by 3,743m2 which is a 10% increase.	Green	10%	10%	0%	20%	4%
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 2024	Figures will be reported following the survey done with food growing participants which is scheduled for 2024.	Report Later	-----	-----	-----	167.00%	-----

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Occupancy levels at council managed food growing sites	Occupancy levels are 99% of capacity.	Green	98%	99%	0%	99%	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	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Undertake of waste compositional analysis to estimate the share of food waste in residual bins	The Waste Compositional Analysis was undertaken in July 2023 and the final report produced in early September 2023. The analysis shows that over 33% of waste found in the residual bin was compostable including 17% of food waste (the rest being garden waste). This means that residents are still not fully engaged in recycling food waste.	Contextual	-----	17%	-----	-----	-----
Share food waste from school catering which is recycled/composted	The Food Waste Warrior pilot project is still ongoing. Evaluation and data will be available at quarter 4.	Report Later	-----	-----	-----	1%	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	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Report on the £0.3m Food Strategy Support Fund budget including the community grants by March 2024	<p>£0.277m of the £0.300m was committed, with the breakdown of projects as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •£205,000 to provide a new allotment site in the Hamilton area (Chatelherault). The site is now complete. •£15,000 to develop additional growing space at Richmond Allotment. Work started onsite and is due to complete late in the year •£5,000 for Unpaid Work Service Garden Project (Social Work)-project ongoing •£20,000 for the Food Strategy Community Grants which was allocated to groups in 2022-23 •£32,500 to five other projects which were approved for funding in financial year 2021-22 <p>The remaining £23,000 was returned to Corporate Finance as a result of a savings exercise.</p>	Green	£0.000m 	£0.000m	£0.000m	£0.000m	£0.270m

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 promoting dignity

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>Following the publication of the national plan “Cash-First: towards ending the need for food banks in Scotland” in June 2023, the Council applied to the Scottish Government Cash First Fund to deliver “the Financial Wellbeing Support Fund – Cash First” pilot project. The project, led by Money Matters Advice Services, aimed to support 4,250 households by facilitating Cash First payments and offering wide support thanks to a partnership approach. Community Planning Partners, Citizen Advice Bureaux, food banks and other community food organisations were consulted to develop the proposal. However, the application was unsuccessful preventing the development of a partnership approach. Instead Money Matters Advice Service is providing £50 cash payments to households in the situation of food poverty by developing their own Cash-First Scheme using the Council Financial Wellbeing Support Fund.</p> <p>A community networking event including community food organisations was organised by the Community Engagement Team during the Challenge Poverty Week in October 2023.</p> <p>Information from the Council leaflet "Money is not the only problem" including information on food and healthy eating is regularly published on council social media.</p> <p>The online map of places where free or affordable food can be found in the Council area was updated and is available on the Council website.</p> <p>Eleven "Spectacular Summer Session Hubs" were successfully delivered across the four localities of South Lanarkshire in key locations between 03/07/2023 and 11/08/2023. Each hub delivered a targeted intensive two-week programme which ran Monday-Friday with breakfast and lunch included. Across the 6 weeks, over 4,500 meals were provided.</p>	Green

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Good Food at Home and in the Community

1. Supporting good food education and culture 2. Reducing food insecurity and promoting dignity

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Deliver Kitchen Learning Hub to service users of the Unpaid Work Service	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	There continues to be an increased use of the kitchen learning hub. A healthy soup lunch for all those who attend unpaid work is also available seven days a week. The bread making sessions continue to be undertaken to enhance the skills and knowledge of service users with the bread being given to various housing and homelessness services. A new unpaid work coordinator was also recruited to continue to improve the services delivered in the kitchen.	Green
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	The garden project at unpaid work continues to grow in both size and range of products that is grown. All service users have the opportunity to undertake work there and enhance their knowledge and skills of growing food from seed. This resulted in excellent learning opportunities that are now used by learners to grow their own food at home and cook with their family.	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
Progress actions to increase supply of local food and drink in the Council following recommendations from the Market Capacity Assessment	Demonstrated actions to increase supply of food and drink in the Council	Outcomes of the market capacity assessment were presented at the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 20 September 2023 as well as the next steps (i.e. action plan). Actions include continuing engagement with businesses identified; exploring the possibility to use the Quick Quote process to increase the supply of local food and drink in specific South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture venues; identifying and analysing practices developed in other comparable local authorities; delivering the business accelerator programme "Eat South Lanarkshire"; supporting discussion with the food and drink network Lanarkshire Larder; and promoting sub-contracting opportunities to local businesses. An update on the implementation of these actions will be included in the Q4 Good Food Strategy update report.	Green

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	In quarter one and quarter two, engagement with the food and drink sector included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Marketing of, and attendance/exhibiting at the National Meet the Buyer Event in Edinburgh on 17 May; •Lanarkshire Larder local food and drink network: SLC representation on the Lanarkshire Larder Committee to ensure that outcomes including increased membership and networking are achieved; •EAT Lanarkshire: working with external consultant to devise a scale up programme aimed exclusively at SLC food and drink companies. The full cohort (eight) was secured and the business planning stage (1-2-1 liaison with each participant) started. 	Green
Promote use of local food produce through promotion and events	Demonstrated activities to promote local products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marketing of, and attendance at, the Sourcing Scotland event in Dumfries on 17 April 2023, this was to support the SLC based attendees and Lanarkshire Larder. - Reintroduction of the Food and Drink Award at the Lanarkshire Business Excellence Awards, this award was won by Equi's Ice Cream based in Rutherglen. - Leading on the development of a "Meet the Maker" event in March 2024 in conjunction with Lanarkshire Larder. 	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 consideration of the potential of open space for providing food growing opportunities	Consultants to be appointed to develop standards and analysis of the open space audit data at Council and locality level with public engagement carried out by the Council (draft OSS to be submitted for committee approval in 2024/25)	Consultants have been appointed and are currently carrying out a detailed analysis of the data gathered from the open space audit. It is expected that outcomes will be presented to the Council in Q4 following which engagement will be undertaken in Q1 2024/2025.	Green
Promote awareness of, and provide guidance on, the development of Local Place Plans by local communities and in particular highlight the potential to support them in meeting food growing aspirations.	Demonstrated activities to promote and develop Local Place Plans	A formal invitation to community bodies giving the opportunity to prepare Local Place Plans (LPP) was prepared. An online webpage incorporating a tool box with information on how to prepare LPP will also be created and available on the Council website.	Green
Ensure embedding of health and wellbeing issues in the preparation of Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3) in accordance with the NPF4	Early public engagement to inform LDP3 and committee approval to commence its preparation Preparation of Evidence Report (including collation of evidence on Lifelong Health and Wellbeing)	The Council's Development Plan scheme for 2023 was approved at the Planning Committee in August 2023. An engagement strategy is being developed with extensive discussions already underway with other Council services and partners to support the engagement process.	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
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 2024 including criteria to assess the impact of the educational programme	The material was updated and the Waste Education Team continues to work with Litter Strategy Officer and Education Service to develop communication materials for schools throughout South Lanarkshire.	Green
Undertake campaigns promoting sustainable food to Council employees and South Lanarkshire residents	Type of campaigns promoting sustainable food	Campaigns promoting sustainable food including around food waste reduction will be undertaken during the second half of the year.	Report Later 

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 2023	After submitting its application, the Council successfully renewed its Fairtrade Zone Status. The application showed that recently the Council worked in partnership with 13 local Fairtrade groups including community organisations, colleges, and businesses; organised or participated in seven Fairtrade events; promoted Fairtrade principles in schools during the Fairtrade Fortnights; generated around 10 media articles; financially supported the Scottish Fairtrade Forum; sponsored Fairtrade awards at the Scottish Fairtrade Award; and is serving Fairtrade coffee in council premises and in South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture premises.	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Demonstrated activities promoting Fairtrade principles	The Council supported the Fair Trade Education Award at the Scottish Fair Trade Awards Ceremony 2023. Most of the promotional activities will take place during the Fairtrade Fortnight in February 2024.	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	59 participants from the private, third and public sectors are now part of the South Lanarkshire Good Food Forum discussion list. The discussion list was also promoted to partners of the Community Planning Partnership.	Green
Facilitate discussions on local food production at the next Rural Community Conference (scheduled in March 2024)	Agenda, participants and outputs from the discussion	The Rural Community Conference will take place in March 2024. Preparation for the conference started at quarter two and the agenda, list of participants and outputs from the discussion will be presented in the Q4 Good Food Strategy update report.	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 and collective actions developed	The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Food Group was constituted after nomination of its members during summer 2023. The group is now considering the implementation of the action plan approved by the CPP Board including promoting good food across the partnership, increasing networking among partners and with the community, sharing information and considering common actions on priority areas (i.e. food poverty and food served in public places), and monitoring national and local food related policy developments.	Green
Conduct a mid-term review of the Good Food Strategy	Publication of the mid-term review report	The mid-term review of the Good Food Strategy was completed in consultation with all food related services of the Council. It includes recommendations for the next years and for the development of the upcoming local Good Food Nation plan.	Green