



Council Offices, Almada Street  
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Tuesday, 25 January 2022

Dear Councillor

## **Climate Change and Sustainability Committee**

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the above Committee to be held as follows:-

**Date:** Wednesday, 02 February 2022  
**Time:** 11:30  
**Venue:** By Microsoft Teams,

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

**Cleland Sneddon**  
**Chief Executive**

### **Members**

John Ross (Chair), Maureen Chalmers (Depute Chair), Alex Allison, John Anderson, John Bradley, Robert Brown, Gerry Convery, Margaret Cooper, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Isobel Dorman, Joe Fagan, Allan Falconer, Lynsey Hamilton, Ian Harrow, Mark Horsham, Richard Lockhart, Eileen Logan, Katy Loudon, Joe Lowe, Julia Marrs, Monique McAdams, Jim McGuigan, Gladys Miller, Lynne Nailon, David Shearer, Jared Wark, Josh Wilson

### **Substitutes**

Stephanie Callaghan, Andy Carmichael, Poppy Corbett, George Greenshields, Graeme Horne, Martin Grant Hose, Ann Le Blond, Hugh Macdonald, Catherine McClymont, Mark McGeever, Richard Nelson, Graham Scott, Collette Stevenson, Margaret B Walker, David Watson

## BUSINESS

### 1 Declaration of Interests

- 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting** 5 - 12  
Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee held on 3 November 2021 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

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### Monitoring Item(s)

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- 3 Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy Update – Q2 2021/2022** 13 - 62  
Report dated 12 January 2022 by the Interim Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources). (Copy attached)
- 4 Good Food Strategy Update – Quarter 2 2021/2022** 63 - 100  
Report dated 12 January 2022 by the Interim Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources). (Copy attached)

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### Item(s) for Decision

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- 5 Scottish Government Consultation on National Litter and Flytipping Strategy** 101 - 116  
Report dated 12 January 2022 by the Interim Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources). (Copy attached)
- 6 Pesticide Free Council Motion Update** 117 - 124  
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- 7 Clyde Peatland Action** 125 - 128  
Joint report dated 12 January 2022 by the Interim Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) and the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

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### Item(s) for Noting

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- 8 COVID-19 Memorial – Tree Planting** 129 - 132  
Report dated 12 January 2022 by the Interim Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources). (Copy attached)

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### Urgent Business

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- 9 Urgent Business**  
Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

***For further information, please contact:-***

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# CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 3 November 2021

## Chair:

Councillor John Ross (ex officio)

## Councillors Present:

Councillor Alex Allison, Councillor John Anderson, Councillor John Bradley, Councillor Maureen Chalmers (Depute), Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Peter Craig, Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Isobel Dorman, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Lynsey Hamilton, Councillor Ian Harrow, Councillor Mark Horsham, Councillor Richard Lockhart, Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Mark McGeever (*substitute for Councillor Robert Brown*), Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor David Shearer, Councillor Josh Wilson

## Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Allan Falconer, Councillor Joe Lowe, Councillor Jim McGuigan, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Jared Wark

## Attending:

### Community and Enterprise Resources

M McGlynn, Executive Director; E Berry, Policy Officer; L Hinshelwood, Sustainable Development Officer; L Maddison, Biodiversity Officer; A McAuley, Team Leader, Planning and Building Standards Services; A McKinnon, Head of Facilities, Waste and Ground Services; C Park, Head of Roads and Transportation Services; J Richmond, Carbon Management Officer; M Wilkie, Performance and Policy Development Manager

### Finance and Corporate Resources

T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy; P MacRae, Administration Adviser; K McLeod, Administration Assistant

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## 1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

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## 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee held on 25 August 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

**The Committee decided:** that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

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## 3 Statutory Climate Change Duties 2020/2021

A report dated 13 October 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Council's Climate Change Duties 2020/2021, as legally required under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

A new Climate Change Bill, with more challenging carbon reduction targets, was passed by the Scottish Parliament on 25 September 2019. The Bill committed Scotland to meeting or exceeding a net-zero greenhouse gas emissions target by 2045.

The Bill replaced the emissions targets set in the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, however, the provisions of the Act continued, placing duties on all public bodies in Scotland to:-

- ◆ reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- ◆ adapt to a changing climate
- ◆ act sustainably
- ◆ produce an annual report on their compliance with climate change duties

The Climate Change Duties Report, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, comprised the following 6 parts:-

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| ◆ organisational profile    | ◆ adaptation  |
| ◆ governance and management | ◆ procurement |
| ◆ corporate emissions       | ◆ validation  |

Highlights of the information contained in the statutory report were outlined in the Executive Director's report.

**The Committee decided:** that the Council's statutory Climate Change Duties report for 2020/2021 be approved for submission to the Scottish Government.

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#### **4 Scottish Government Consultation on Scottish Building Regulations: Proposed Changes to Energy Standards and Associated Topics, Including Ventilation, Overheating and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure**

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A report dated 13 October 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Scottish Government's consultation on proposed changes to energy standards and associated topics, including ventilation, overheating and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure.

In July 2021, the Scottish Government published a consultation:-

- ◆ setting out proposals to support the transition to low and zero emissions heat solutions
- ◆ seeking views on separate proposals for electric vehicle charging provision in new buildings and those subject to major renovation
- ◆ addressing changes to ventilation provision arising from improved energy standards
- ◆ setting out plans for assessment and mitigation of overheating risks in new houses and residential buildings and improving compliance with energy standards

The consultation paper posed questions on the following topics:-

- ◆ energy (new buildings) - 19 questions covering an uplift in standards for new buildings, amendments to calculation methodology and enhancements to the requirements for airtightness testing
- ◆ energy (all buildings) - 12 questions covering requirements related to work on existing buildings
- ◆ ventilation - 9 questions to provide greater clarity on the appropriateness of certain ventilation systems and improvements to the requirements for background ventilation
- ◆ overheating risk in new houses and other residential buildings - 6 questions on the proposed assessment of overheating risks in new buildings
- ◆ improving and demonstrating compliance – 4 questions seeking feedback on how to improve compliance of new building work

- ♦ electric vehicle infrastructure – 6 questions on proposals for the introduction of electric vehicle charging infrastructure related to new and existing buildings

Proposals for electric vehicle charging points were detailed in the report. The Council's proposed response to the consultation was attached as Appendix 1 to the report. Generally, the Council was supportive of the proposals contained in each section of the consultation.

There followed a full discussion on the report during which:-

- ♦ officers responded to members' questions
- ♦ officers undertook to amend the consultation response to reflect members' comments regarding:-
  - ♦ support for provision of electric vehicle charging infrastructure at the point of construction
  - ♦ upgrade of infrastructure to ensure that power was available to meet the increasing demand for charging of electric vehicles
  - ♦ equitable accessibility to vehicle charging points to reduce instances where a charging point might be in use for longer than was necessary to charge a single vehicle
- ♦ Councillor McAdams expressed concern that no consultation had been undertaken with house builders in the area in formulating the consultation response. In response, officers advised that it was open to the development sector to make its own submission to the consultation

#### **The Committee decided:**

- (1) that the overview of the consultation on proposed changes to Energy Standards and associated topics be noted; and
- (2) that the proposed Council response, incorporating the suggested amendments, be approved for submission to the Scottish Government by 26 November 2021.

*Councillor Dorman entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business*

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## **5 Active Travel – Feasibility of Bike Hire Scheme, Community Engagement and Provision of eBike Infrastructure**

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A report dated 12 October 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on active travel projects, the introduction of a bike hire scheme, community engagement and the provision of eBike (electric bikes) infrastructure.

At its meeting on 10 March 2021, the Council agreed that a report be submitted to this Committee on:-

- ♦ work which had already been undertaken on active travel and ongoing cycling infrastructure projects
- ♦ the status of the Glasgow "Next Bike" contract and the feasibility of joining
- ♦ suggestions on how community consultation work on the future of cycling in South Lanarkshire could be taken forward
- ♦ how availability and use of electric bikes might be significantly expanded

Details were given on:-

- ◆ existing active travel infrastructure projects
- ◆ recent and ongoing active travel infrastructure projects including:-
  - ◆ construction of an integrated cycle network in East Kilbride
  - ◆ purchase of cycle monitoring equipment
  - ◆ identifying cycle parking provision in town centres
  - ◆ provision of cycle/scooter parking at schools
  - ◆ preliminary design of cycle routes at a number of locations within South Lanarkshire
  - ◆ implementation of car free zones at 2 primary schools
  - ◆ action to address “pinch points” on proposed routes emerging from the East Kilbride Active Travel Study
  - ◆ provision of additional space for those walking, cycling and wheeling to school
- ◆ the position regarding the bike hire scheme and the proposal to give consideration to commissioning an external consultant to review a previous study to:-
  - ◆ consider whether a bike hire scheme would be successful across South Lanarkshire
  - ◆ assess potential demand
  - ◆ consider whether joining with a neighbouring authority such as Glasgow City Council would be a preferred route for such an initiative
- ◆ community engagement and consultation proposed or undertaken
- ◆ the increasing use of ebikes and the provision of facilities for their use

Currently, no funding had been identified for the review of the bike hire scheme study.

Funding for projects in 2021/2022, as outlined in the appendix to the report, might require to be revised as projects were completed or refined.

**The Committee decided:**

- (1) that existing and recent/ongoing active travel and cycling infrastructure projects be noted;
- (2) that the status of Glasgow City Council bike hire scheme and potential for extension into South Lanarkshire be noted;
- (3) that, subject to funding being identified, arrangements be made to update the previous study into a potential Bike Hire Scheme in Rutherglen, Cambuslang and East Kilbride areas to cover all areas in South Lanarkshire;
- (4) that the previous, ongoing, and proposed community engagement in relation to active travel/cycling projects be noted; and
- (5) that the eBike (electric bikes) infrastructure and expansion be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of South Lanarkshire Council of 10 March 2021 (Paragraph 9)]*

*Councillor Dorman left the meeting following consideration of this item of business*

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## **6 Development of a Litter Strategy - Update**

A report dated 13 October 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted providing an update on the preparation of the Litter Strategy covering the period 2022 to 2027.



The overall vision of the Council's Litter Strategy was to:-

- ◆ provide a cleaner place to live, work and visit, free of litter, fly tipping and dog waste
- ◆ encourage awareness, behaviour change and personal responsibility
- ◆ work in partnership with different communities and community groups
- ◆ meet legislative requirements on the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (Scotland) 2018

The objectives of the Strategy fell within the 3 key themes of Education, Engagement and Enforcement and actions in relation to each of those themes were detailed in the report. The next steps in the preparation of the Strategy, together with an updated timetable for implementation, were also detailed in the report.

**The Committee decided:**

- (1) that the progress on the proposed plan for the development of the Litter Strategy 2022 to 2027 be noted; and
- (2) that the revised timescales for the development of the Litter Strategy 2022 to 2027 be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 10 February 2021 (Paragraph 6)]*

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## **7 Nature Restoration Fund**

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A report dated 13 October 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Nature Restoration Fund.

The Scottish Government's newly established Nature Restoration Fund (NRF) provided £5 million of capital funding to local authorities to support new, or to enhance existing, approaches to restoring biodiversity. The Council's allocation of this funding amounted to £0.264 million which required to be spent in 2021/2022. The approaches required to adhere to the following criteria:-

- ◆ deliver positive effects for biodiversity and enhance local ecosystems
- ◆ address the climate emergency and its impacts through mitigation and adaptation and by promoting nature based solutions
- ◆ promote the health and wellbeing of local communities and reduce inequalities

The following 6 main themes had been identified for project delivery which aligned to actions and objectives within the Biodiversity Plan:-

- ◆ peatland and wetland management and development
- ◆ local nature reserve management and development
- ◆ enhanced canopy cover
- ◆ outdoor education
- ◆ development of management plans and feasibility studies
- ◆ planting for pollinators

Details were given on:-

- ◆ broad areas of spend for the fund
- ◆ types of work being considered
- ◆ sites for which plans were being developed

In addition to the £0.264 million allocated by the Scottish Government, the Climate Change and Sustainability Steering Group had agreed to allocate a further £0.146 million from the Climate Change Challenge Fund. Given the nature of the works and the timescale in which to achieve spend, it was considered appropriate to keep the works in house and, as a result, 40 seasonal staff had been retained for a 10 week period to undertake the agreed works.

**The Committee decided:** that the report be noted.

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## **8 Community Grants - Climate Emergency Fund and Food Strategy Support Fund**

A report dated 13 October 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Council's plans for the launch of the Climate Emergency Fund and Food Strategy Support Fund community grants schemes.

The 2021/2022 Revenue Budget, approved at the Council meeting held on 24 February 2021, included a package of investments totalling £10.054 million, of which £2 million was allocated for a Climate Emergency Fund and £0.300 million for a Food Strategy Support Fund. It was proposed that £0.150 million of the Climate Emergency Fund and £0.020 million of the Food Strategy Support Fund be set aside to allow community groups to submit bids to develop projects and initiatives aligned to those funding streams.

It was proposed that:-

- ◆ £0.075 million from the Climate Emergency Fund and £0.010 million from the Food Strategy Support Fund be allocated in 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 for project bids
- ◆ the formal bidding process commence in January each year
- ◆ groups would be able to apply for funding of up to £2,500 and £1,000 respectively
- ◆ maximum bid values be reviewed in 2022/2023 to ensure that they were reflective of potential bids for 2023/2024

The scheme would be promoted through social media, emails to community groups, community councils and with the help of partners.

Details were given on the application and assessment process. The Development Officer (Sustainable Development Funding) would:-

- ◆ be responsible for administering the fund
- ◆ work with the Corporate Communications Team to develop promotional material in advance of the launch date in January 2022
- ◆ assess, in the first year of the fund, whether a cut off period was required in terms of bid submissions

Applications for funding would be referred to the Climate Change and Sustainability Steering Group for approval.

**The Committee decided:** that the launch of the community grants schemes, as detailed in the report, be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of South Lanarkshire Council of 24 February 2021 (Paragraph 2)]*

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## **9 Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022 to 2027 – Update**

A report dated 13 October 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the development of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy and public consultation on the proposed vision, themes, and priorities.

As part of the development of the Strategy, community engagement and public consultation took place involving:-

- ◆ focus groups
- ◆ a survey to South Lanarkshire residents
- ◆ development workshops

As a result, a proposed vision, themes and priority/focus areas had been defined and those were detailed in the report. Appendices 1 and 2 to the report respectively, provided a more detailed explanation of the themes and priority/focus areas. It was proposed to undertake public consultation, in the form of an online survey, on the vision, themes and priority/focus areas of the Strategy which would be accompanied by consultation on the Strategic Environmental Assessment as, legally, consultation was required on both together. It was proposed that consultation take place from the end of November to the end of December 2021.

**The Committee decided:** that the report be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 25 August 2021 (Paragraph 3)]*

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## **10 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.



# Report

Report to:	<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>2 February 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy Update – Q2 2021/2022</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ◆ update the Committee of the status of Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures at Quarter 2 of 2021 2022.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) That the 2021-2022 Q2 position in respect of actions and measures within the Sustainable Development Strategy is noted

## 3. Background

3.1. The Council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy (SDCCS) was approved on 6 December 2017 and covers a five-year period from 2017 to 2022. The strategy sets out outcomes and actions organised around three sustainable development themes:

- ◆ Sustainable Council
- ◆ Sustainable Environment
- ◆ Sustainable Communities

3.2. Delivery of actions within the strategy provides the main focus for our sustainable development activity and also enables the Council to fulfil its duties under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003, the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and the Council's contribution to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

3.3. The strategy action plan sets out specific actions to be undertaken to deliver objectives under each theme. The action plan is monitored using IMPROVE and the progress on the action plan will be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee following Q2 and Q4.

## 4. Sustainable Development Strategy 2021-2022 Q2 Update

4.1. The action plan progress report comes in two parts; the first part contains performance/contextual measures towards the strategy's outcomes, and the second part contains improvement actions for each of the themes within the strategy.

4.2. The overall summary of performance measures at quarter two is as follows:-

Total number of performance/ contextual measures		<b>36</b>
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	6 (17%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	3 (8%)
Status - Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target	0 (0%)
Reportable at a later stage	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	15 (42%)
Contextual	The contextual measures provides a health check for South Lanarkshire. The Council's activities contribute to these measures, however there are many factors that could influence these measures which are not fully within the Council's scope	12 (33%)

4.3. The three amber performance measures relate to household waste and recycling. There had been slippage on these performance measures for the first 2 quarters of 2021. The reduction in performance can be attributed to the on-going Covid-19 pandemic. Multiple lockdowns meant more people working from home which led to an increase in the amount of household waste being generated and there were higher contamination levels in recycling bins. Waste recycling centres remained open during this period but demand for the sites continued to be extremely high and there was an increase in the amount of residual waste being brought into the sites. All available employees were used to support statutory collection services and so there was limited scope to undertake any Waste Awareness activities. It is anticipated that performance will improve as Covid restrictions continue to ease.

4.4. The overall summary of improvements actions at quarter two is as follows: -

Total number of improvement actions		<b>74</b>
Status - Blue	Action Complete	4 (5%)
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	46 (62%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	7 (10%)
Status - Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target	0 (0%)
Reportable at a later stage	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	17 (23%)

4.5. There are 7 amber improvement measures that have had minor slippage. The table below provides details on these actions and provides management action taken ensure no further slippage: -

<b>Improvement Action</b>	<b>Measures</b>	<b>Management Action</b>
Continue to develop procurement processes to improve environmental outcomes and ensure compliance with the council's sustainable procurement duty	Progress with sustainable procurement actions as identified through the Flexible Framework action plan	New procurement officer identified that will have specific responsibility in the sustainable procurement toolkit and flexible framework updates
	Using the prioritisation tool undertake prioritisation assessments for construction, social care and information technology categories	Sustainable Procurement sessions with resources for initial completion of prioritisation tool to be identified and progressed by March 2022
Work in partnership to reduce land and air pollution within South Lanarkshire, minimising the impacts on human health and the natural environment	Progress the development of a formal Litter Strategy that identifies a range of options and timescales to promote the new Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse, with particular emphasis on prevention	Component parts of the strategy are currently being developed along with cooperative working with a range of departments within the Council. It is anticipated that the Litter Strategy for South Lanarkshire will now be launched in June 2022
Develop supporting planning guidance in support of the Local Development Plan and the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy action plan to ensure new buildings are designed to be as carbon neutral as possible and resilient to climate change and to encourage the retrofitting of appropriate technology in existing buildings	Supporting Planning Guidance (SPG) to be developed and presented to committee for approval by March 2022 and thereafter be subject to public consultation	Planning Committee approval has been given for draft Supporting Planning Guidance on Electric Vehicle Charging Points. Planning Committee approval has also been given for the formal declaration of 16 new Local Nature Reserves and extension of Langlands Moss Nature Reserve. Following the publication of the draft NPF4 further SPGs are programmed in relation to Biodiversity and Climate Change and Sustainability in the first half of 2022/23
	Awareness sessions to be developed for planning officers and developers/agents to ensure roll out in 2022-23	Following the publication of the draft National Planning Framework 4 in November 2021 work will begin on developing interim Supporting Planning Guidance on this theme and thereafter on the preparation of South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 3. Awareness sessions for both planning officers and developers will form part of the engagement process

Review and update guidance for building standards surveyors in relation to climate change mitigation in new buildings and the adaptation of existing buildings	Monitor effectiveness of actions implemented in March 2021 and consider further service specific actions by March 2022	Building Standards officers receive regular updates on changes to legislation and best practice on this theme which in turn is fed into the building warrant assessment process. The Council has responded to Scottish Government consultation on changes to the Building Regulations in relation to energy standards, heating standards and ventilation and it is anticipated these changes will come into effect in early 2022/23
Provide advice and support to businesses in the transition to a net-zero economy	Develop an Economic 'Response, Recovery and Renewal' Strategy framed around three themes: People, Place and Business, whilst creating the right conditions for a low carbon economy for Committee approval by June 2021	Owing to continued pressures on resources, as a consequence of Covid-19 emergency, business grant funding continuing to summer 2021, the draft Economic Recovery Strategy is now nearing completion for final consultation and approval at a future Community and Enterprise Resources Committee.

4.6. Progress on all objectives, actions and measures is set out in Appendix 1. Some of the highlights from the report include:-

- ◆ The planning committee approved a further 16 sites as Local Nature Reserves and an extension to the existing one at Langlands Moss. The legal process of designation is still ongoing and hopefully will be completed by Quarter 4 for the majority of sites
- ◆ Community Planning Partners across Lanarkshire joined both North and South Lanarkshire Councils and the Improvement Service in an event to further embed climate change in community planning. The event focussed on the climate emergency, a green recovery, a just transition, and policy coherence for climate change. Findings from the discussion have been reported back to the CPP board with recommendations on how to further embed climate change across community planning
- ◆ Beat the Street Cambuslang and Rutherglen game took place with approximately 60,000 miles travelled sustainably by almost 8,000 people within the first two weeks of the project
- ◆ During Quarters 1 and 2, 10,489 food parcels have been distributed by the Council (the equivalent of 167,824 meals) and 485 households have also reached help through the council Community Wellbeing Line
- ◆ SLC has been able to further develop its Nature Restoration Programme by bringing together its Scottish Government Nature Restoration Funding with the SLC Climate Emergency Fund. The focus of this Programme is on improving the biodiversity of various Council land sites, including for pollinators.



- ◆ The Council has installed a tree asset management software system that allows the recording of the quantity, quality, nature, and condition, of the Council's tree assets along with the value they provide in terms of ecosystem. The software will help manage, protect and enhance council trees and support the Clyde Climate Forest.
- ◆ Strathaven Park, Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park have retained their Green Flag status
- ◆ The Council was a core partner in the Green Heat in Greenspace project being led by Greenspace Scotland. This project was set up to identify and quantify specific opportunities in green and blue spaces within urban settlements across Scotland to support low carbon heat solutions (heat pumps and district heating networks). This project was primarily focussing on solutions for decarbonising the public sector. The findings of this report will be incorporated into the Council's Strategic Energy Review.
- ◆ A Young People's Sustainability Forum has been established to discuss how young people they can lead on aspects of climate change and sustainability within the school curriculum but also how they can influence decision making across the authority. An offshoot of the Forum has been the Climate emergency Newsroom that took place during COP26. The young people reported on events and decision making to their primary school audience. The blog has now been accessed across the world.

## **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. 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.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. Actions within the sustainable development and climate change strategy and associated action plan are funded from existing Resource budgets and external grant funding.

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

- 7.1. The sustainable development and climate change strategy contributes towards the Public Sector Climate Change Duties, the Biodiversity Duty and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

## **8. Other Implications**

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

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

- 9.1. An equality impact assessment was carried out on the sustainable development and climate change strategy.
- 9.2. Public and stakeholder consultation on the sustainable development and climate change strategy was undertaken.

**Alistair McKinnon**  
**Interim Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

12 January 2022

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

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

**Previous References**

- ◆ Executive Committee report on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 entitled 'Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy'

**List of Background Papers**

- ◆ The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009
- ◆ Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022
- ◆ 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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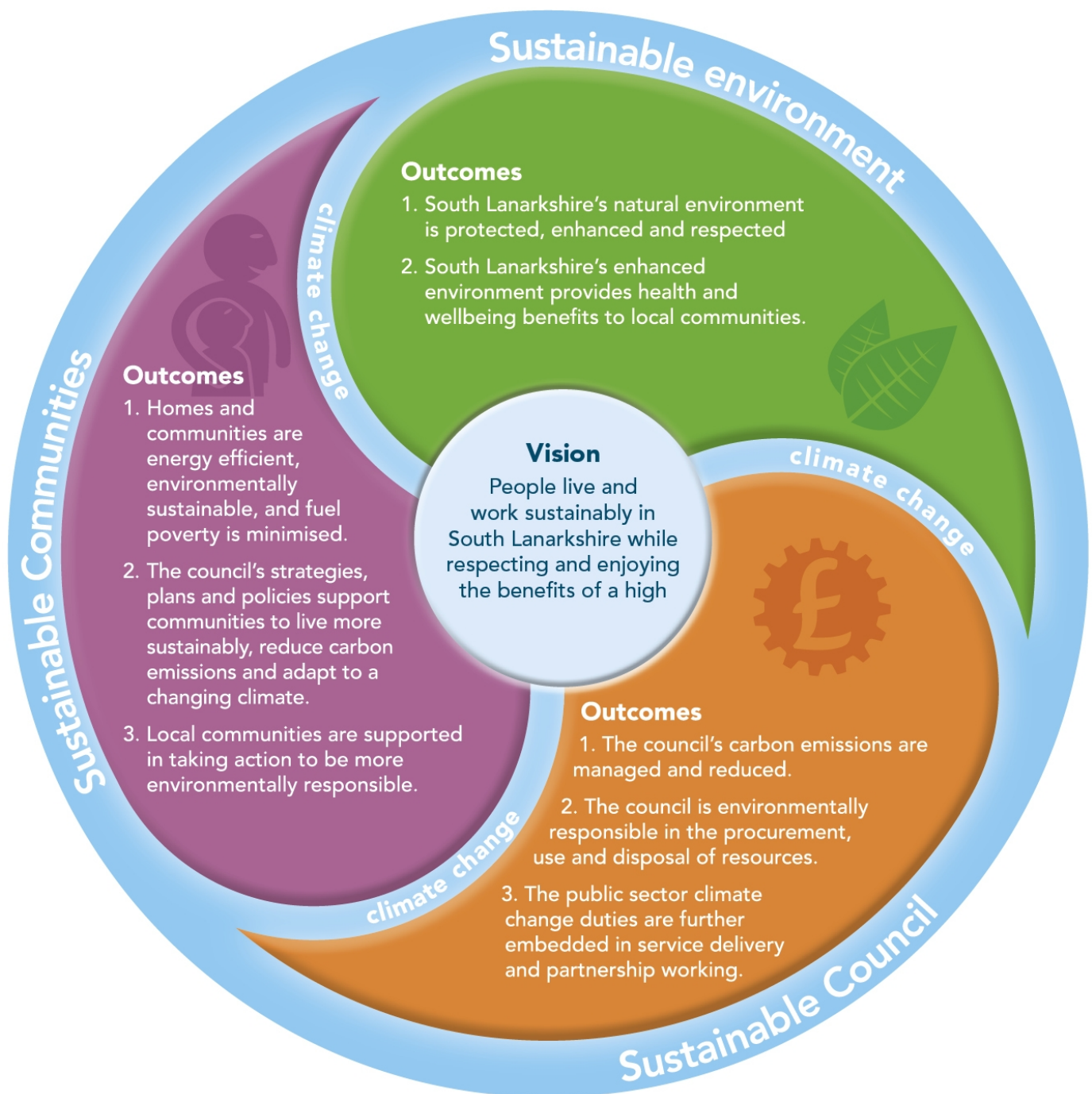
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# Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022

## Performance Report Quarter 2 : 2021/22 - April to September



# Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022: Vision, Themes and Strategic
































## Sustainable Development Goals

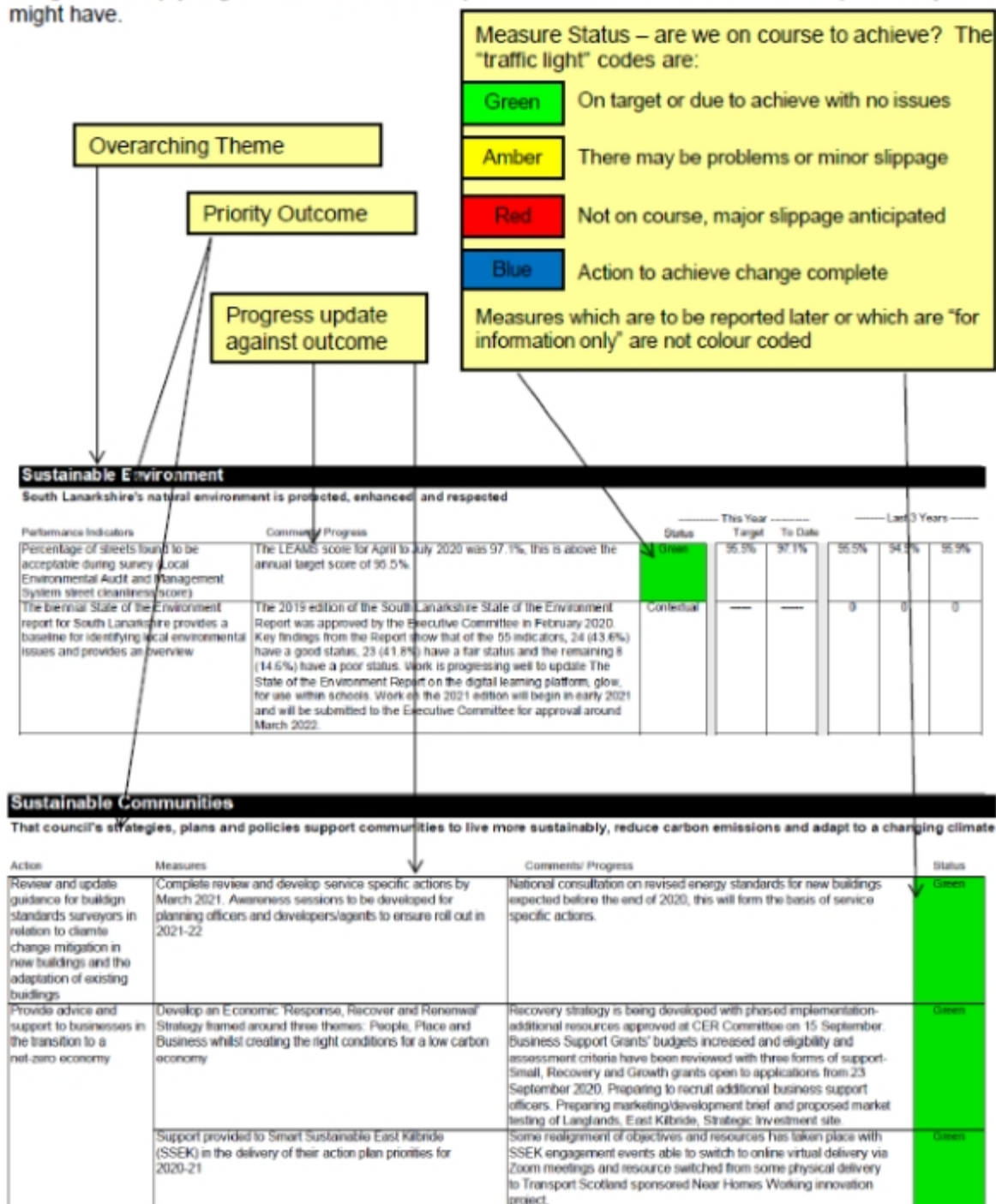
The United Nations has set a series of [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs). These are 'global goals' and targets that are part of an internationally agreed performance framework. All countries are aiming to achieve these goals by 2030. They address the global challenges, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

Scotland has adopted the SDGs and the public sector has a role in contributing to the goals. Each of the Strategy's themes contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals at a local level. The summary below outlines which SDGs each strategy theme contributes to:

Theme	Goal	Sustainable Development Goals
<b>Sustainable Council</b>	South Lanarkshire Council is a leading example in environmental performance across South Lanarkshire and that sustainable development principles and tackling climate change, in response to the climate emergency, underpins all council activities, decisions and actions	      
<b>Sustainable Environment</b>	South Lanarkshire's high-quality natural environment and public spaces provides essential services and shared benefits for people and wildlife	     
<b>Sustainable Communities</b>	South Lanarkshire Council's activities, decisions and actions enable communities, businesses and individuals to live, work and enjoy South Lanarkshire in a more sustainable and environmentally friendly way, help build resilience to the impacts of climate change and a just transition to a net-zero society	             

## How to use this performance report

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Summary (Section 1) - number of Quantitative Measures green, amber and red under each Sustainable Development Theme

Sustainable Development Theme	Green	Amber	Red	Report later / Contextual	Total
Sustainable Council	2			10	12
Sustainable Environment	2			4	6
Sustainable Communities	2	3		13	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>

Summary (Section 2) - number of Improvement Actions complete, green, amber and red under each Sustainable Development Theme

Council Priority/ Theme	Complete	Green	Amber	Red	Report later	Total
Sustainable Council	2	16	2		10	30
Sustainable Environment	1	17	1		3	22
Sustainable Communities	1	13	4		4	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>74</b>

# Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy - Section 1: Quantitative Measures

The following section provides performance and contextual measures for each of the themes in the strategy. The performance measures highlights progress towards each of the outcomes. The contextual measures provide a health check; however, these are not fully in the scope of influence for the Council.



## Sustainable Council

### The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Reduction in the council's greenhouse gas emissions achieved by March 2022, compared to 2020-21 (buildings, fleet, household waste, street lighting, business travel)	Emissions for 2020-21 reduced by 19% compared with the previous year although this is largely as a result of changes to service provision throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Data for 2021-22 will not be available until July 2022.	Report Later	5.0%	-----	16.7%	44.0%	19.0%
Overall percentage reduction in the Council's carbon footprint since the Council's original baseline of 2005-06	Carbon emissions reduced by 65% in 2020-21 compared with the baseline year 2005-06. The reductions are due to many projects and initiatives implemented throughout the period as well as reductions in nationally produced carbon conversion factors which are influenced by improvements in the national fuel mix. Carbon emissions reduced by 19% in 2020-21 compared with the previous year but this has largely been affected by the Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions that changed Council service provision throughout the year.	Report Later	-----	-----	35.8%	56.9%	65.0%
Overall percentage reduction in the Council's carbon footprint compared to Scotland's nation target of 75% reduction by 2030 (based on 1990 levels)	Carbon emissions for the Council are not available as far back as 1990 which is the national baseline year. If the Council was to assume that we could have reduced by an annual average of 1% between 1990 and 2005 when we started to measure carbon emissions the Council could have achieved as much as an 80% reduction from 1990 to 2020-21.	Report Later	-----	-----	47.8%	68.9%	80.0%
Percentage reduction in energy consumption across the Council's estate for 2020-21 compared to 2013-14 baseline year	To be reported at year end.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Percentage of non-domestic buildings that are heated through low/zero carbon technologies	To be reported at year end.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Percentage of the Council's cars and light vehicles that are ultra-low emission vehicles	The position as at quarter two is that 37% of the small van and car fleet is electric.	Contextual	-----	37.0%	0.0%	0.0%	24.0%

## Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### Sustainable Council

The council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage reduction in the procurement of single-use plastic items across the Council compared to the baseline year of 2018-19	An analysis of single use plastic reduction will be carried out at the end of 2021-22. The analysis that was planned to take place throughout the year has been on hold due to the adverse implications on single use items used during the pandemic.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	-----
Reduce embodied carbon from construction (new builds and refurbishment)	We are setting our current baseline information in order to measure improvement in future designs.	Green	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

The Public Sector Climate Change Duties are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Self-evaluation results using Climate Change Assessment Tool	Self-evaluation was carried out in June 2021 as part of the development of the sustainable development and climate change strategy. The key results are as follows: Governance 79% Emissions 57% Adaptation 74% Behaviour 70% Procurement 38% Overall 65%	Green	-----	-----	0	0	-----
Carbon emissions in tonnage for South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority. (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2021. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2019.	Contextual	-----	1,212.7	0.0	0.0	1,266.8
Percentage reduction on area-wide emissions compared to previous year: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2021. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2019. This is in line with Scotland's overall reduction compared to the previous year.	Contextual	-----	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%
Per capita: emission within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2021. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2019. South Lanarkshire's emissions per capita is below the Scottish average at 4.6 in 2019	Contextual	-----	3.80	0.00	0.00	4.00

## Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### Sustainable Environment

#### South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced, and respected

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of streets found to be acceptable during survey (Local Environmental Audit and Management System street cleanliness score)	This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2020-21 information will be available in January 2022.  The LEAMS audit programme for 2021-22 commenced on 1 July. This is integrated with the Litter Monitoring System this year, and an app has been developed by Zero Waste Scotland to collect audit data. There has been a delay in getting the app available for use, however this is the new platform to be used in line with the new COPLAR regulations.	Report Later	94.8%	-----	94.9%	94.8%	-----
The biennial State of the Environment report for South Lanarkshire provides a baseline for identifying local environmental issues and provides an overview of environmental conditions	It is anticipated that a final draft of the 2021 edition of the State of the Environment Report will be completed by the end of December 2021. It will be considered by the appropriate Committee thereafter. The current 2019 edition is available on the Council's website.	Report Later	-----	-----	0	0	-----
Number of Local Nature Reserves declared	We currently have one local nature reserve at Langlands Moss, with 16 additional local nature reserves approved by Planning Committee in October 2021. Formal legal declaration of these 16 new reserves is underway.	Green	-----	1	0	0	1
Proportion of LNRs with active community management groups	The current Langlands Nature Reserve has an active community management group. Of the 16 potential new LNRs, 8 of them have formally constituted community groups: Cadzow Glen, Hamilton; Fernbrae Meadows; Greenhall, Millheugh and Barnhill, Blantyre; Holmhill Wood Community Park, Cambuslang; Morgan Glen, Larkhall; Neilsland and Earnock Community Wood, Hamilton; Stonehouse Park, Stonehouse; Udston and Glenlee Woods, Hamilton.	Green	-----	52.90%	0.00%	0.00%	52.90%

#### South Lanarkshire's enhanced environment provides health and wellbeing benefits to local communities

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of adults satisfied with parks and open spaces (results from Scottish Household Survey)	This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2020-21 information will be available in January 2022.	Report Later	77.1%	-----	80.4%	77.1%	-----

## Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### Sustainable Environment

South Lanarkshire's enhanced environment provides health and wellbeing benefits to local communities

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Numbers participating in Get Walking Lanarkshire health walks programme	All health walks now resumed during quarter two. Participation almost back to pre-pandemic levels. Number of walks and participants during quarter two: 297 walks, 2,829 walkers, averaging 9.5 participants per walk across the council.	Contextual	-----	2,829	0	0	0

### Sustainable Communities

Homes and communities are energy efficient, environmentally sustainable, and fuel poverty is minimised

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of Council dwellings that are meeting the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing 2 (EESH2) by 31 March 2022	To be reported at year end.	Report Later	-----	-----	91.10%	93.39%	93.88%
Housing carbon emissions in tonnage for South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2021. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2019.	Contextual	-----	522.5	0.0	0.0	535.2
Percentage reduction on housing area-wide emissions compared to previous year: emissions within the scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2021. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2019. This reduction is slightly lower than the total domestic reduction across Scotland at 2.74%	Contextual	-----	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%
Fuel poverty percentage in South Lanarkshire	To be reported in quarter four.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	20.0%	22.0%

## Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### Sustainable Communities

That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of total household waste that is recycled	The household recycling figure was previously reported on a financial year basis however we are now reporting on a calendar year as this reflects the Scottish Government Target. The provisional figure for calendar year quarter 2 (January to June 2021) is 41.49%, which is an improvement over the same period (January – June) the previous year. This is due to an improvement in the quality of recycling materials, particularly the fibre mix, which has led to a reduction in the rejection rates of these materials. The figure is slightly below the final overall 2020 figure (42.00%) and remains below the target (50.00%).	Amber	50.00%	41.49%	44.30%	46.40%	42.00%
Percentage of material accepted by the council's paper and card processor (compared to 2020/21 figure)	Overall improvement attained compared to the same period in 2020. The fibre mix has seen a reduction in the rejection rates of these materials.	Amber	97.0%	94.5%	-----	97.0%	94.1%
Percentage of household waste recycled at the council's household waste and recycling centres	Improvement in the recycling rate at the HWRC sites has been achieved as the sites have been fully operational and accepting all recycle streams as opposed offering a reduced service during the same period last year due to the pandemic restrictions.	Amber	64.5%	59.8%	-----	64.5%	63.3%
Percentage of household waste sent to landfill in 2021	Performance against this measure is reported by calendar year. During quarter two (April - June 2021) 12.1% of household waste was sent to landfill, and the year to date figure is 12.5% (target is to be below 15%).	Green	15.0%	12.5%	-----	-----	9.7%

## Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### Sustainable Communities

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Number of properties prone to flooding in South Lanarkshire	SEPA's 2018 National Flood Risk Assessment published the no. of properties predicted to be at risk within South Lanarkshire during a medium likelihood (1:200yr) flooding scenario:-  Homes: 6,600 out of 148,200 (1 in 22). Businesses and Services: 1,900 out of 17,500 (1 in 9). Total: 8,500 out of 165,700 (1 in 19).	Contextual	-----	8,500	0	0	8,500
Percentage of adults travelling to work by active or public transport (Scottish Household Survey)	The Transport and Travel in Scotland Statistics and the Scottish Household Survey for 2020 have not been published by Transport Scotland. It is anticipated that this will be available early next year. There were 21% of employed adults (not working from home) whose usual method of travel to work was by active or public transport during 2019. 7% walked, 1% cycled, 4% by bus and 9% by rail. This shows a 2% increase when compared to the previous year's data (2018) where 19% recorded their usual method of travel to work was by active or public transport - 7% walked, 3% cycled, 3% by bus and 6% by rail. Nationally in 2019 and 2018 these figures were 29.7% and 30.2% showing a 0.5% decrease in travel to work by active or public transport.  *note no figures are available for the percentage of adults traveling to education by active or public transport.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	-----

## Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### Sustainable Communities

That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage mode share of children travelling to school by active or public transport (annual national 'Hands Up' survey)	<p>The 2021 survey has been undertaken and provisional results are expected early next year.</p> <p>The 2020 survey has now been formally published and this is detailed as follows: -            There were 59.8% of children travelling to primary and secondary school by active or public transport during 2020 (excluding nursery). 39.4% walked, 2.8% cycled, 1.9% by scooter/skate and 15.7% by bus.            This is an increase of 0.5% when compared to 2019 data which was 59.3%. (37.6% walked, 2.8% cycled, 1.9% by scooter/skate and 17% by bus).            Nationally in 2020 and 2019 these figures were 65.3% and 63.8% showing a 1.5% increase.</p>	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	59.8%
Number of charging infrastructure points available to the public within South Lanarkshire	Project PACE saw 80 additional charge points installed within the SLC area, with an additional 10 charging points coming from other funding during the current financial year. In total the council has 133 public charge points across South Lanarkshire.	Contextual	-----	133	44	42	43
Carbon emissions tonnage for transport emissions in South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2021. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2019.	Contextual	-----	337.1	0.0	0.0	364.1
Percentage reduction in carbon emissions from transport compared to previous year: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2021. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2019. The reduction is slightly higher than the national average for Scotland of transport emissions reduction on 2.07%	Contextual	-----	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	4.7%
Carbon emission tonnage for industry in South Lanarkshire: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2021. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2019. This is the total for Industry and Commercial together.	Contextual	-----	306.0	0.0	0.0	367.5

## Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### Sustainable Communities

That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage reduction in carbon emissions from industry in South Lanarkshire compared to previous year: emissions within scope of Local Authority (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure was provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in June 2021. It has a two-year lag therefore this figure relates to carbon emissions for 2019. This is the total reduction for Industry and Commercial together. This figure is slightly higher than the national reduction figure for Industry and Commercial at 6.6%	Contextual	-----	6.8%	0.0%	0.0%	2.8%

Local communities are supported in taking action to be more environmentally responsible

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Percentage of schools actively engaged with the eco-schools programme	All 125 primary and 18 secondary schools in South Lanarkshire are registered with Eco-schools and take part in a wide array of environmental activities through their eco committees and teams. A total of 60 establishments in South Lanarkshire currently hold the coveted Green Flag award, including 10 partner nurseries / private schools.	Green	-----	100.0%	0.0%	-----	-----
Number of volunteer days from the Environmental Volunteering programme across South Lanarkshrie during 2020-21	The total number of volunteering days will be collated at the end of quarter four. Environmental Volunteering Programme has shown further signs of recovery from Covid-19 lockdown restrictions during quarter two. Locally based management/"friends of" groups continue to function, primarily through social media and online meetings. Some clean-ups and a wider range of site management activities were achieved during quarter two.	Report Later	1,000	-----	1,743	8,221	2,380



# Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy - Section 2: Improvement Actions

The following section provides improvement actions that contribute towards meeting the outcomes in each theme for this financial year.

## Sustainable Council

### The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Establish new carbon reduction targets for the Council in line with the climate change bill 2019	Review carbon reduction targets and recommend new targets for the Council, with approval from the climate change and sustainability committee by March 2022	Long term carbon reduction targets will be set during the development of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022-27, due to be published mid 2022.	Report Later
Continue to implement energy efficiency measures across council facilities including investment in renewable energy solutions and low/zero-carbon heating	Number of projects delivered as part of the CEEF programme during 2021-22	To be reported at year end.	Report Later
	Agree a strategy for the transition of non-domestic buildings to low/zero carbon heating	A draft strategy document has been prepared by a consultant and the recommendations are being considered.	Green
Create the conditions for the decarbonisation of the council's fleet	Implement year two of the Fleet Strategy (2020-2025) Action Plan and monitor its impacts, including emissions reduction levels and the trialling of new technologies	Work with Resources to deliver the key strategic outcomes of the Fleet Strategy is ongoing. This includes ensuring the Council has an appropriately sized fleet with the right vehicles to ensure its services operate in an efficient and effective manner, that vehicles are maintained to be safe, efficient and legally compliant, and the impact on the environment is reduced. The replacement of diesel vehicles with 150 electric cars and small vans in the last year has significantly contributed to reducing vehicle fuel consumption, emissions and the impact on the environment.	Green
Enable employees to walk and/or cycle for business travel and commuting	Activities/initiatives implemented during 2020-21 to enable and encourage, where possible, employees to walk and cycle for business travel and commuting	Cycle to work launched in April 2021 with 107 applications. Scheme to be re-launched in November 2021 to coincide with COP26.	Green
	Review number of cycling friendly locations during 2021-22	Final checks to be made to finalise additional cycle friendly location identified at Brandon Gate, Hamilton.	Green

## Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### Sustainable Council

#### The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Develop case study examples from the 'Cycle to Work' Scheme on the impact this scheme has had on staff engaging in active travel	Case studies to be finalised with participants from previous schemes to be contacted.	Green

#### The council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Continue to develop procurement processes to improve environmental outcomes and ensure compliance with the council's sustainable procurement duty	Progress with sustainable procurement actions as identified through the Flexible Framework action plan	Some challenges to date in progressing Flexible Framework actions, with Prioritisation Tool next key priority for high profile categories	Amber
	Consider wider training opportunities on use of prioritisation tools	Procurement Network have been asked to undertake Scottish Procurement sustainability training with a view to wider rollout throughout the organisation.	Green
	Update Sourcing Strategy to further embed sustainability measures from evaluation to contract management	Proposals on sustainability approach, including Fair Work First, currently being developed for implementation in Sourcing Strategy and future tenders.	Green
	Using the prioritisation tool undertake prioritisation assessments for construction, social care and information technology categories	Approach to Prioritisation Tools agreed with Procurement Network in June at specific Sustainable Procurement session with resources to be identified to progress by March 2022.	Amber
Promote the 'reduce, reuse and recycle' principle across the Council to make better use of materials and create less damage to the environment	Initiatives implemented during 2020-21 to reduce single use items across the Council	The planned initiatives for reducing single use items has been stalled due to the council coffee shops being closed for most of the year. However the effect on the use of single use items due to Covid-19 is expected to have increased. An analysis of the procurement of a number of single use items including disposable PPE will be carried out before March 2022.	Report Later
	Initiatives implemented during 2020-21 to recycle more within Council workplaces	Bid submitted to the Recycling Improvement Fund to procure Perspex recycling bins within Council offices for co-mingled material which will encourage staff to recycle more effectively and prevent contamination.	Green

## Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### **Sustainable Council**

#### **The council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Introduce a reuse scheme for employees and investigate expanding this to schools	Proposals for a reuse scheme will be presented before March 2022.	Report Later
	Involvement in national campaigns promoting the circular economy	Supported various national campaigns with global staff emails and intranet/The View articles and social media posts. Campaigns included Recycle Week 2021, Plastic Free July, Love Food Hate Waste, Single use plastics new legislation and Food Waste Action Week.	Green
Establish further baselines for performance measures to demonstrate 'The Council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources'	Develop an understanding of the emissions from the Council's supply chain to further reduce emissions from procurement of goods and services	Initial discussions with the Procurement Team have taken place to understand how emissions from our supply chain could be quantified. External advice has also been sought and we are awaiting guidance on how public sector could measure emissions from the supply chain consistently.	Report Later
	Further mainstream the principles of a circular economy in the Council's procurement of goods and services, and service delivery	This action will be explored further as part of the development of the sustainable development and climate change strategy	Report Later

#### **The public sector climate change duties are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Review and conclude the council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change	Complete review and development sessions with various stakeholders including Council officers, local community groups, members of the public, young people in schools and further education, Community Planning Partners, and local businesses, by August 2021	Engagement sessions undertaken as part of the development of the strategy are now complete. This has involved: a workshop and focus groups involving approximately 100 people from both the council and wider community; and a wider survey based on the findings from those previous events (over 800 responses were received from the survey).	Complete

## Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### **Sustainable Council**

**The public sector climate change duties are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Strategy (2017-2022), and develop the new strategy (2022-2027)	Develop a draft strategy for the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee approval by September 2021	An elected members session took place on 8 October to review the draft structure of the strategy based on the engagement sessions and national targets and milestones. A report on the ongoing process for the development of the strategy, in particular public consultation on the proposed vision, themes, and priorities, was presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 3 November. A draft strategy will be presented for approval to the Full Council in May-June 2022.	Green
	Undertake a public consultation on the draft strategy and Strategic Environmental Assessment by December 2021	Outcome of the consultation will be reported at a later date.	Report Later
	Develop final strategy for the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee approval by March 2022	Development of the strategy ongoing. Public engagement has now been completed and shaped the vision, themes and priorities. Work on the SEA is currently underway and once complete will go out for public consultation in January for 6 weeks, along with the consultation draft of the strategy. As no Climate Change and Sustainability Committee meetings have been scheduled after February 2022 due to Council moratorium as a result of elections, decision has been made to present the final strategy for approval to Full Council alongside the Council Plan and Community Plan in May-June 2022. Work is ongoing with Services to populate the first year's action plan.	Green

## Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### **Sustainable Council**

**The public sector climate change duties are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Continue a collaborative approach to climate adaptation and resilience through the city region's Climate Ready Clyde Partnership	The Council's contribution to implementing year 1 of Climate Ready Clyde's Adaptation Strategy Action Plan	The Council's main actions around climate adaptation include mainstreaming in Council plans and strategies like the LDP2 and biodiversity strategy, capacity building across Services, and research into climate resilience of embankments and stabilising slopes. The Council is also working closely with other LA's in Glasgow City Region on flagship action #1. Local authorities in the region working together to build capabilities and deliver collaborative adaptation	Green
Continue to raise awareness of climate adaptation and resilience across the Council, build internal capacity, accelerating adaptation action, and encourage dialogue on climate adaptation and resilience with communities	Apply Adaptation Scotland's Capability Framework to understand the Council's capability level and areas for improvement	Work on the capability framework is at an early stage and will be advanced through the development and implementation of the sustainable development and climate change strategy 2022-2027	Green

## Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### Sustainable Council

The public sector climate change duties are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Ensure Strategic Environmental Assessment of all appropriate policies, plans, programmes and strategies is undertaken	Produce annual SEA report for Executive Committee, and other governance groups, which includes an assessment of the impact the SEA process has had on the preparation of the plans, policies and strategies, and the difference it had on the final documents	The annual report on SEA progress was approved by the Executive Committee on 26 May 2021.	Complete
Maximise funding to further deliver the Council's climate change duties (mitigate, adapt and act sustainably) across the Council and wider area	Create a plan that maximises the environmental impact across South Lanarkshire using the £2m Climate Challenge South Lanarkshire budget and establish performance measures for each project to report impact	A report was presented to the climate change and sustainability committee on the 28th April 2021 outlining a plan for maximising the climate challenge fund for South Lanarkshire. Some of the funding was agreed to be used for additional resources to focus on communications, funding/investment, green economy, and energy efficiency. Two of the development officers are now in post (comms and funding), the other 4 posts should be in place by the end of March 2022. Services are also applying for funding to progress projects and carry out feasibility studies. The small grants fund for communities will launch in January 2022. Performance measures for projects and additional resources are being agreed and will be reported on at a later date.	Green
Introduce the changes from the Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements)	Establish how the Council will align its spending plans and use of resources to deliver its emission reduction targets	This will be explored as part of the development of the sustainable development and climate change strategy	Report Later
	Investigate setting targets for indirect emissions and a date for zero direct emissions for the Council	Long term carbon reduction targets will be set during the development of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022-27, due to be published mid 2022.	Report Later

### Sustainable Council

#### The public sector climate change duties are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
(Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 which comes into force for reporting year 2021-22	Publish an annual report on the Council's progress in achieving its carbon reduction targets on the Council website by 30th November 2021	The annual climate change duties report was approved by the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on the 3rd November. This will be submitted to the Scottish Government before the 30th November. This report will be published on the website along with a film designed by graphics providing the highlights from the report including the council's carbon emissions reductions	Green
Build on current partnerships and relations across South Lanarkshire that will support and enable a transition to net-zero area-wide emissions and mitigate climate risks	Work with Community Planning Partners in embedding climate change action in the work of the CPP and planning for place with a proposal for a collaborate approach to tackling climate change in South Lanarkshire to the CPP board in June 2021	Work is ongoing with further mainstreaming climate change in community planning partnership. A climate change event took place on the 30th June with CPP pan-Lanarkshire. The event focussed on the climate emergency, a green recovery, a just transition, and policy coherence for climate change. Findings from the discussion have been incorporated in to a report back to the CPP board with recommendations on how to further embed climate change across the CPP. This report will be presented to the board on 2nd December. There is also a post-COP climate change event being held with CPP board members on the 30th November.	Green
	Investigate the potential of establishing a South Lanarkshire Climate Change Charter/Statement to allow businesses to sign up to	This action will be progressed as part of the development of the sustainable development and climate change strategy	Report Later



### Sustainable Environment

#### South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced and respected

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Work in partnership to reduce land and air pollution within South Lanarkshire, minimising the impacts on human health and the natural environment	Progress the development of a formal Litter Strategy that identifies a range of options and timescales to promote the new Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse, with particular emphasis on prevention	The development of a Litter Strategy for South Lanarkshire Council is progressing and will be launched in June 2022. Component parts of the strategy are currently being developed along with cooperative working with a range of departments within the Council. A public consultation questionnaire was also completed in August 2021 with 1,340 responses.	Amber
	Implement Air Quality Action Plan for 2021-22 which contributes to improving air quality in South Lanarkshire	Work continues on progressing action plan measures for improving air quality. The Vehicle Emission Testing programme has been undertaken over the summer months. Beat the Street Cambuslang and Rutherglen game has now commenced with approximately 60,000 miles travelled sustainably by almost 8,000 people within the first two weeks of the project. The joint North and South Walking and Cycling in Strathclyde Park has also been promoted during the summer months. Work has also commenced on the walking and cycling promotional campaign.	Green
	Implement the Contaminated Land Strategy for South Lanarkshire	Work continues on implementing the Contaminated Land Strategy. The development control process continues to consider sites affected by historical contamination. Examples of this include Clyde Gateway regeneration, Philips lighting factory site re-development, Hamilton and Motorola site re-development within East Kilbride.	Green
	Implement projects approved within the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund framework for 2021-22	VDLF Delivery Plan 2021-22 submitted and approved by Scottish Government. Report also approved at Community and Enterprise Resources Committee on 28 September 2021.	Green

## Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### **Sustainable Environment**

#### **South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced and respected**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Prepare an Open Space Strategy in partnership with Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership and other council services. Strategy will contain standards on access to and quality of open spaces	Continue with the preparation of the strategy during 2021-22, which includes audits of existing open space and analysis	Technical work is continuing on open space audit and quality assessments of sites across South Lanarkshire. Scottish Government draft regulations for planning authorities on the preparation of Open Space Strategies (OSS) was due to be published in June 2021 but this has been delayed. This will provide guidance on the content, timescales and engagement requirements for OSS.	Report Later
	Establish baseline for proportion of population in South Lanarkshire that has access to good quality open space	This measure will be achieved through the preparation of the Open Space Strategy which will become a statutory requirement once the relevant part of the 2019 Planning Act takes effect. In the meantime consultation on draft Regulations and guidance is expected to be published for consultation in quarter three.	Report Later
Implement the Council's Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan	Actions delivered within the Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan during 2020-21 and the impact these actions have made to improving biodiversity across the Council's estate	Some projects and actions were delayed due to Covid restrictions; a summary of outstanding work is being created to form the basis of an interim Strategy for 2022-23 leading to the formation of new Plans.	Green
Continue to work in partnership to deliver actions from South Lanarkshire's	The Council's progress on the delivery of actions from the South Lanarkshire's Biodiversity Strategy during 2020-21	Some projects and actions were delayed due to Covid restrictions; a summary of outstanding work is being created to form the basis of an interim Strategy for 2022-23 leading to the formation of new Plans that will take account of new Scottish objectives.	Green

### Sustainable Environment

#### South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced and respected

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Biodiversity Strategy 2018-2022	Develop case study examples demonstrating the impact from partnership projects during 2020-21	Case studies will be developed as part of work summaries and creation of new strategies. Examples of key projects can be seen in the Biodiversity Duty Report on the Council website.	Green
Maximise the use of our natural environment to help mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change	Details of nature-based solution projects that contribute to mitigate or adapt to climate change during 2020-21	Nature Restoration Programme during 2021-22 and 2022-23 will progress nature-based solution work that contributes to Climate Change as well as biodiversity objectives. SLC has developed it's Nature Restoration Programme initially during 2021 to 2023 thanks to Scottish Government Nature Restoration Funding and SLC Climate Emergency Fund. The focus is on improving biodiversity of various sites, including for pollinators. This aims to enable species to exist more easily in urban environments by creating stepping stones of habitats, improving the resilience of key species in a changing climate. Some areas will require less regular vehicle mowing. Tree planting and long grass also have the capacity to store more carbon and intercept rainwater better than amenity grass can.	Green
	Establish a South Lanarkshire canopy cover target for 2032	South Lanarkshire is working with seven other local authorities, the government, and other partners for a major woodland creation project - 'The Clyde Climate Forest' with a target to increase regional Tree Canopy Cover from 16.6% to 20% of urbanised areas by 2032.	Green
	Develop interactive web based urban forestry tools to explore, share and communicate, and express the increase in value (ecosystem services) potential tree planting could bring to the community in monetary terms	The Council has recently sourced an IT system that will meet the objectives and allow us to analyse our current canopy cover and how this can be expanded in the future.	Green

### Sustainable Environment

#### South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced and respected

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Contribute and support the objectives of the Clyde Climate Forest (CCF) project	The council is supporting the objectives of the CCF through the active involvement of the Arboricultural Officer. The council has contributed financially to Forest Research analysing the new aerial photography to identify more accurately our urban tree canopy cover (data available around the end of the year). This information will be uploaded into our new IT system to allow better analysis and planning.	Green
	Create and maintain a record of the Council's existing tree resource to understand the quantity, quality and the value it provides in terms of ecosystem services - such as carbon sequestration, air quality improvement or water uptake - expressed in monetary terms	The council has installed a tree asset management software called Tree plotter (inventory). This software allows the recording of the quantity, quality, nature and condition, of the councils tree assets along with the value they provide in terms of ecosystem services , such as carbon sequestration pa, in monetary terms. The software will help manage, protect and enhance council trees and support the CCF. The software has also been adapted to help record potential tree planting sites at a landscape level and supports the development of Tree plotter (canopy) software.	Green
Protect, enhance and respect South Lanarkshire's natural environment	Prepare a plan to inspect trees for signs of ash dieback disease	Work has been continuing on this since last year, desk top exercise was completed on road verge ash trees as this could impact significantly on road closures should such trees fall. Arbor section have recently purchased IT software packages specifically designed for mapping tree canopy which would include ash dieback mapping.	Green
	Investigate potential for increasing number of Local Nature Reserves	Work on this is ongoing, and a full update will be provided later in the year.	Green

### Sustainable Environment

#### South Lanarkshire's enhanced environment provides health and wellbeing benefits to local communities

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
In partnership with local communities, continue programme of restructuring council owned woodland and improving recreational access	Consult on Management Plans for Bothwell and Blantyre Woods with community interests, David Livingstone Centre and other stakeholders by March 2022	A draft Management Plan has been developed for Bothwell Woods. Initial discussions have taken place with David Livingstone Trust.  Wider structured public consultation continues to be delayed until later in 2021-22 due to Covid-19 restrictions and lockdowns preventing public meetings and exhibitions.	Green
	Continue to explore funding opportunities for phase 2 regeneration work at Greenhall and Millheugh, Blantyre including costed proposals for replacement river crossing	A replacement river crossing is required at Milheugh. Funding has been secured to enable a bridge to be designed. This design work is now programmed for quarter four. This costed design will enable wider funding to be sought for the construction. The Green Action Trust and the Friends of the Calder will assist securing funding bids for the bridge and further woodland management.	Green
Contribute to community health and wellbeing through well managed and accessible outdoor and greenspace	Retain Green Flag accreditation at Strathaven Park, Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park, through implementation of agreed action plans for 2021-22	Judging took place during Summer/Autumn 2021 all parks retained their Green Flag status.	Complete
	Undertake sample case studies to determine impacts – including % of volunteers expressing positive experience/ health benefits	Levels of volunteering slowly recovering since Covid lockdown, but ongoing restrictions mean that participation levels are still well below pre pandemic.  Sample case studies will be deferred until quarter four.	Report Later

### **Sustainable Environment**

#### **South Lanarkshire's enhanced environment provides health and wellbeing benefits to local communities**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Encourage recreational and active travel, and access to the outdoors by implementing Outdoor Access Strategy and extending Clyde Walkway	Delivery of repairs programme to footbridges across the core path network by March 2022 in line with available external and internal capital funding (The Core Paths Plan)	Progress on the repairs programme remains limited due to Covid-19 restrictions resulting in the continued unavailability of Unpaid Work Service and environmental volunteers to assist. Several small to medium-scale repairs of boardwalks and bridges were undertaken on the Clyde Walkway by Countryside and Greenspace staff during Covid-19 restrictions.	Green
	Develop plan for linking The Clyde Walkway to 'Scotland's Great Trails' long-distance strategic access network	The strategic framework is being incorporated within the South West Scotland Green Action Travel project proposal bid. If successful, this will undertake detailed evaluation of route options and costs to achieve these links.  Discussions held with Destination Tweed re linking to the Tweed Source to Sea proposals. Discussions also held re route options from Glenbuck to Happendon/Poniel.	Green

### **Sustainable Communities**

#### **Homes and communities are energy efficient, environmentally sustainable, and fuel poverty is minimised**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Explore options for innovative and affordable low carbon energy and heating solutions in local areas that will contribute towards national climate change ambitions	During 2021-22 consider and prepare for the development of a new Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) in line with the Scottish Government's proposed implementation date of 2023	<p>As part of the preparation and development towards a full LHEES Strategy required by 2023, the council is one of 14 Scottish local authorities to access the latest Scottish Government Resource Call for the next phase of LHEES pilots.</p> <p>This project looks to build on the previous LHEES pilot, completed in 2019, following updated methodology created by the Scottish Government. The project will aim to expand existing energy and decarbonisation data sets for domestic and non-domestic buildings across all areas of South Lanarkshire. To support its delivery, the council have appointed a leading environmental and climate change consultant to deliver the work, estimated to be completed by March 2022.</p>	Green
Continue to improve the energy efficiency of the Council's housing stock contributing towards national climate change ambitions	The Housing Investment Programme continues to incorporate sustainable changes to the Council's housing stock during 2021-22	To be reported at year end.	Report Later

### Sustainable Communities

#### Homes and communities are energy efficient, environmentally sustainable, and fuel poverty is minimised

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Continue to maximise Home Energy Efficiency Programme funding to support owners and private rented properties	Total amount of funding secured and delivered for 2021-22 from Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Schemes programme	To be reported at year end.	Report Later
Develop and deliver appropriate partnership actions to provide and promote energy advice and support to households resulting in warmer homes and helping to reduce fuel poverty	Continue to work with local partners within the Fuel Poverty sub-group to reduce fuel poverty	<p>Through the Financial Inclusion Network Fuel Poverty Sub Group, the council and its housing, energy and advice partners continue to identify issues and develop solutions in relation to fuel poverty across all areas of South Lanarkshire.</p> <p>To improve officer understanding of fuel poverty and how different services can help, training and awareness sessions were delivered to specific services by Home Energy Scotland and Energy Action Scotland. This included advice of saving on energy costs and overview of new technology such as Air Source Heat Pumps.</p> <p>In addition, the group is now working with the Energy Savings Trust to improve the accuracy of fuel poverty modelling in South Lanarkshire, with the aim of allowing targeted interventions to households who are suspected to be in fuel poverty.</p>	Green



## Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### **Sustainable Communities**

**That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Undertake participation rate study to establish the % of householders using the council's food waste collection service	Share of households using food caddy to dispose food waste to inform Council initiatives in relation to food waste in the following years of implementation of the strategy (subject to Covid restrictions lifted)	Participation surveys scheduled for February 2022 when the low level of garden waste in burgundy bins makes it easier to assess if food waste is being presented in the bin.	Report Later

### **Sustainable Communities**

**That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Participation in the Green Heat in Greenspace project being run by Greenspace Scotland	Identify potential opportunities for sources of sustainable heat in South Lanarkshire's greenspace	The Council was a core partner in the Green Heat in Greenspace project being led by Greenspace Scotland. This project was set up to identify and quantify specific opportunities in green and blue spaces within urban settlements across Scotland to support low carbon heat solutions (heat pumps and district heating networks). This project was primarily focussing on solutions for decarbonising the public sector. The project was carried out over a 7 month period and ended in June 2021. The Council was provided with a report with data specific for the South Lanarkshire area. The findings of this report will be incorporated into the Strategic Energy Review being undertaken by changeworks.	Complete

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That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Manage flooding priorities and deliver prioritised flood protection schemes	Progress/deliver prioritised flood protection projects/studies in line with available capital and revenue funding	<p>River Clyde Flood Modelling and Mapping Project: Work is underway to develop a new hydraulic river model for the River Clyde, produce updated flood maps, and establish current and future flood risk within our area. The cyber-attack experienced by SEPA has severely impacted their ability to review the project's Hydrology and Hydraulics Reports, which has led to delays in this project. Although other project deliverables were brought forward in an attempt to minimise the delay to the programme, the original completion date of May 2021 has slipped to December 2021.</p> <p>Greenlees Drainage Improvement Works: This project includes the reconstruction of the culvert inlet arrangements at Staffa Road in Cambuslang and the lining of the upstream culvert beneath the A749 East Kilbride Road. The project has awarded and works are now programmed to commence on site in October 2021 with an estimated completion date of December 2021.</p> <p>Programme of culvert maintenance: This is an ongoing programme of works to improve our network of culvert inlets and their surrounding areas in order to improve the performance of our assets and the safety of operatives maintaining these assets. Works identified this year include the repair/replacement of culvert inlet trash screens and the construction of suitable access paths, steps, fencing and handrails.</p>	Green

### **Sustainable Communities**

**That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Encourage greater use of public transport by working with partners to improve public transport infrastructure	Progress/deliver prioritised improvements to bus and rail infrastructure (e.g. park and ride) in line with agreed Park and Ride Strategy (2018-2027) and available external funding	<p>A number of Park and Ride projects are being taken forward as outlined below: -</p> <p>1. Lanark Interchange Project – A planning application has been submitted, and if granted, works will be programmed for this financial year. Cambuslang Park and Ride – Works were completed in summer 2021 and the Park and Ride is open.</p> <p>2. East Kilbride Rail Enhancement Project – The Council is in partnership with Transport Scotland, Network Rail, SPT and Sustrans to take forward park and ride, bus interchange, pedestrian/cycle route access enhancements.</p> <p>Bus shelter infrastructure works have been identified following discussions with SPT and a programme of works is currently being prepared.</p>	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Encourage active travel by extending our network of cycle routes	Progress / deliver walking and cycling projects / schemes in line with agreed 2021-22 capital programme	<p>A number of cycling and walking projects are progressing and these are listed below: -</p> <p>1) Active Travel Studies – The three studies for Bothwell, Uddingston and Blantyre Area / Strathaven, Stonehouse and surrounding villages and Larkhall have been completed. These will be posted on the Council's website in the coming weeks and priorities will be taken forward as resources permit.</p> <p>2) East Kilbride Cycle Network - This project on West Mains Road is split into phases to reflect current and anticipated future funding availability as well as connecting into the East Kilbride Rail Corridor Enhancement project being taken forward by Network Rail. Construction of a section on West Mains Road between the rail station and a point to the east of Kirktonholm Road is currently being constructed and will be completed in November 2021. Consultation of future phases will be undertaken in November and projects taken forward for delivery later in the financial year.</p> <p>3) Bothwell/Uddingston Cycle Network (NCN74 Raith to NCN75 Uddingston) – Consultation on options will be undertaken in October and projects taken forward for delivery later in the financial year.</p> <p>4) Carstairs Junction to Carluke – Consultation on options has been completed and is currently being reviewed, and projects will be taken forward for delivery later in the financial year.</p> <p>5) Pedestrian and Cycle Counting equipment – Locations for new equipment will be considered and implemented later in the financial year.</p> <p>6) Cycle Parking Provision in Town Centres – Locations for new</p>	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
		<p>shelters will be considered and implemented later in the financial year.</p> <p>7) Cycle Shelters and parking stands in schools – Locations for new shelters have been identified and funding successfully awarded. Shelters will be installed later in the financial year.</p> <p>8) Cycle Route designs currently being taken forward in various locations Larkhall to Blackwood / Carluke and Law / Hamilton / Lanark / Cambuslang and Newton.</p> <p>9) Car Free Zones at Schools - 2 schools (Burnside Primary School and St Joseph's Primary School) will have zones in place later this year once signing is in place.</p>	

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Complete the four Spaces for People projects in line with available funding, taking cognisance of Covid-19 restrictions / developments and government guidance	<p>The project to improve the NCN75 corridor is complete. The remaining 3 projects with associated interventions are continuing and these are detailed below: -</p> <p>1) Active Travel Network (EK cycle Route) – construction works were completed in May in relation to cycle lanes between East Kilbride Rail Station and the Town Centre (Torrance Road / Brouster Hill) and on Cornwall Street. Consultation and monitoring will be undertaken in the coming weeks.</p> <p>2) School Outdoor Environment - Works are largely completed subject to a small number of minor works to be undertaken. This has resulted in the implementation of 20mph “zones” at approximately 90 schools. Consultation and monitoring will be undertaken in the coming weeks.</p> <p>3) Town Centres – Works are complete where 20mph cordons in six town centres have been established (Carluke, Lanark, Bothwell, Strathaven, Larkhall and Uddingston). Consultation and monitoring will be undertaken in the coming weeks.</p>	Green

### **Sustainable Communities**

**That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Develop a sustainable food system to overcome social, health, economic and environmental issues related to food	Implement year two of the Good Food Strategy (2020-2025) Action Plan and monitor its impacts. particularly in relation to food insecurity and poverty as a result of Covid-19	The second-year action plan of the Good Food Strategy is being implemented. The council continues to support local food organisations with their food deliveries. From April to mid-September, 10,489 food parcels have been distributed by the council (the equivalent of 167,824 meals) and 485 households have also reached help through the council Community Wellbeing Line. Local food banks will share their data later this year which will help to have a better understanding of the level of food insecurity in the council area. Detailed information on the implementation of the strategy will be available in the quarter two food action plan progress reports to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee.	Green
Develop supporting planning guidance in support of the Local Development Plan and the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy action plan to ensure new buildings	Supporting Planning Guidance to be developed and presented to committee for approval by March 2022 and thereafter be subject to public consultation	The delay in receiving the examination report for the Local Development Plan 2 and the publication of the draft national planning policy National Planning Framework 4 has resulted in the timescale for the preparation of the Supporting Planning Guidance to be reviewed. It is intended to seek committee approval for householder development and Electric Vehicle Charging Points by early winter 2021. Other Supporting Planning Guidance is being prepared relating to the Local Nature Reserves and work has commenced on issues relating to Climate Change.	Amber



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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
are designed to be as carbon neutral as possible and resilient to climate change and to encourage the retro fitting of appropriate technology in existing buildings	Awareness sessions to be developed for planning officers and developers/agents to ensure roll out in 2022-23	Follow up monitoring delayed due to other workload priorities.	Amber
Review and update guidance for building standards surveyors in relation to climate change mitigation in new buildings and the adaptation of existing buildings	Monitor effectiveness of actions implemented in March 2021 and consider further service specific actions by March 2022	Follow up monitoring delayed due to other workload priorities.	Amber
Provide advice and support to businesses in the transition to a net-zero economy	Develop an Economic 'Response, Recovery and Renewal' Strategy framed around three themes: People, Place and Business, whilst creating the right conditions for a low carbon economy for Committee approval by June 2021	Owing to continued pressures on resources as a consequence of Covid-19 emergency business grant funding continuing to summer 2021, the draft Economic Recovery Strategy is now nearing completion for final consultation and approval at Community and Enterprise Resources Committee in December 2021	Amber
	Support provided to Smart Sustainable East Kilbride (SSEK) in the delivery of their action plan priorities for 2021-22 (subject to approval of Council and other funding partners)	A review of the EK Taskforce and SSEK is ongoing. This will determine the future role and relationship.	Report Later

### **Sustainable Communities**

**That council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Work with partners and local businesses in the approved Low Carbon Challenge Fund project to identify the challenges and opportunities in the repurposing of assets in the key sectors of renewables, aerospace and rail	Discussions are ongoing in a regular programme of Project Board meetings with LCCF partners to define and advance the project challenges and opportunities. This will involve liaising with local businesses to identify potential development opportunities. A local business has recently embraced a 'green' approach to development and we are currently encouraging the business to become a case study that could be used SL wide to promote positive approaches to 'greening' business developments.	Green

**Local communities are supported in taking action to be more environmentally responsible**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Work towards the introduction of Part 9 of the Community Empowerment Act 2015 in relation to food growing	Implement year 2 Food Growing Strategy's action plan to continue to increase all types of food growing provision across South Lanarkshire	Action plan has been implemented and we are working through the timescales to complete actions before the action plan is reviewed again at the end of the year and updated for 2022.	Green

### **Sustainable Communities**

#### **Local communities are supported in taking action to be more environmentally responsible**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
As part of a longer-term plan to enhance the school curriculum, formulate a process to coherently capture aspects of sustainability and climate change in	Identification and collation of sustainability and climate change activity within the school curriculum during 2021-22 as a single source of information	<p>We have surveyed all secondary schools to collate sustainability and climate change activity, this is complete and we also used the results for a practical exercise for the youth forum to discuss.</p> <p>We have prepared a survey to go out to all our primary schools and this will be sent out by the end of November 2021 and again this will be part of further discussions with the youth forum.</p>	Green

### **Sustainable Communities**

#### **Local communities are supported in taking action to be more environmentally responsible**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
the school curriculum and continue to engage young people in environmental education through Eco Schools or other initiatives	Establish a baseline with a carbon footprint calculator for all establishments and set a carbon reduction target for each establishment	<p>Work is ongoing in developing the Schools Carbon Footprint Calculator.</p> <p>A prototype was presented to the High schools Youth Forum representatives in October 2021 receiving positive feedback, and Education Resources is looking to finalise and issue this over the coming weeks.</p> <p>This will also be adapted shortly to allow it to be issued to Primary Schools for use early 2022.</p>	Green

### Sustainable Communities

#### Local communities are supported in taking action to be more environmentally responsible

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Work with CQIS to further imbed sustainability within the curriculum and create a pupil voice forum to inform decision making on sustainability Council wide	<p>Schools are currently being empowered to lead their sustainability plan in a range of ways, one of which is via the Young Person's Sustainability Forum and the Climate Emergency Newsroom. Both mechanisms are led by young people who are then provided with opportunities to take their learning and leadership skills back to their learning communities and lead initiatives in the context of their local area.</p> <p>The Forum will lead on aspects of climate change and sustainability within the school curriculum but also how they can influence decision making across the authority.</p> <p>An offshoot of the Forum is The Climate Emergency Newsroom which empowered young people to be involved in COP26 where updates on events and decisions from COP26 were reported live to their peers and school audience.</p>	Green
Work in partnership to provide the appropriate skills required for employment opportunities in the low carbon and renewable energy industry	Promotion and tracking of initiatives/events to promote participation in STEM	<p>The Continuity of Learning Team in the CQIS have put together the first draft of a SLC Skills Framework. This uses SDS Meta-Skills, the Career Education Standard, CfE Skills for Learning Life and Work and the CfE Four Capacities documentation to align both universal and transferrable skills with the four capacities. There are two key skill sets to each of the CfE capacities and these then break down the skill set into key skills which can be developed. There will be exemplification and links from the skills to career pathways, including STEM and low carbon and renewable energy industry.</p> <p>The aim is to make the framework easy for teachers to use, implement and see skills progression clearly in children and young people. It will have an interactive element to it with links, resources and materials for each of the skills within the 4 capacities.</p>	Green



# Report

Report to:	<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>2 February 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Good Food Strategy Update – Quarter 2 2021/2022</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ♦ update the Committee of the status of Good Food Strategy actions and measures at Quarter 2 of 2021-2022.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) That the 2021-2022 Q2 position in respect of actions and measures within the Good Food Strategy is noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. On 4 December 2019, the Executive Committee approved the Good Food Strategy which covers a five-year period from 2020 to 2025.

3.2. The vision of the strategy is to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of everyone in South Lanarkshire through the development of a Good Food Council where food is celebrated, supports healthy life and wellbeing, is affordable and accessible to all, encourages a fair and inclusive food economy, has limited impacts on the environment and climate change, and promotes animal welfare.

3.3. The strategy sets out outcomes and actions organised around six themes and twelve objectives:-

### Good Food at Home and in the Community

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

### Good Food in the Public Sector

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

### Good Food Economy

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

### Good Food Growing

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

#### Good Food for the Environment

9. Reducing waste and packaging

10. Limiting the impact of food system on the environment and climate change

#### Good Food Governance

11. Developing and strengthening food partnerships

12. Making good food a priority in the council's area

3.4. The strategy action plan set out specific actions to be undertaken to deliver these objectives under each theme.

3.5. The action plan was approved by the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 10 February 2021 and is monitored using IMPROVe. Its progress is reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee at Quarter 2 and Quarter 4.

#### **4. Good Food Strategy 2021-22 Q2 Update**

4.1. The action plan progress report comes in two parts; the first part contains performance/contextual measures towards the strategy's outcomes, and the second part contains improvement actions for each of the themes within the strategy.

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

Total number of performance/ contextual measures		21
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	9 (43%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	1 (5%)
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	11 (52%)

4.3. The indicator showing an amber status refers to the share of free school meals uptake in primary schools. This is a year-to-date position and includes the April to June period, when schools were not fully operating due to Covid-19. Therefore, the figure does not reflect uptake in a normal year. Eleven indicators are classified as "Reportable at a later stage/contextual": three of them are contextual, four indicators are annual figures and will be reported at Q4 and four baseline indicators have not been established yet, but indicators will be provided at Q4.



- 4.4. The overall summary of improvements actions at the end of quarter two is as follows:

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Total number of improvement actions		36
Status - Blue	Action Complete	1 (3%)
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	31 (86%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	0 (0%)
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 (11%)

- 4.5. The status of four improvement actions will be reported later given the following reasons: the timescale has changed due to external reasons for one of them; one of the projects was initially planned to be developed during Q3/Q4; activities for two of the actions were postponed due to competing priorities.
- 4.6. Progress on all objectives, actions and measures is set out in Appendix 1. Some of the highlights for each of the themes of the action plan include:

#### Good food at home and the community

- ◆ As community food organisations play a key role in tackling food insecurity, the Council continues to support them with food deliveries. Seven organisations are supported on a regular basis with others supported depending on needs. From April to mid-September, 10,486 food parcels were distributed, the equivalent of 167,824 meals.
- ◆ There are currently 9,158 children eligible for low- income based Free School Meals Payments during the school holidays (£30 payment per fortnight).
- ◆ The Kitchen Learning Hub continues to be delivered remotely to service users of the Unpaid Work Service (Social Work) with food parcels delivered to each participant before the cooking session. The bread making sessions are now being delivered in house with bread donated to local food banks.
- ◆ The Youth Family and Community Learning service (Education) continues to provide food related learning programmes. In total, 190 learners participated to accredited and non-accredited programmes.

#### Good food in the public sector

- ◆ Menus in schools are now compliant with the new regulation for Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in schools.
- ◆ The Sustainable Food Procurement group helped organise a session called “How do Local Authorities procure Food and Drink” at the Lanarkshire Meet the Buyer event. The session aims to provide information to local businesses on how they can supply food and drink to the Council.

#### Good food economy

- ◆ 92% of food businesses are compliant with food safety statutory requirements, the target being 85%.
- ◆ The Economic Development Service is currently running a project funded by SAC Consulting and the Council to raise the profile of the local food and drink sector. This includes encouraging groups and schools to grow food and offering support to community groups and schools in building skills, gaining employability and providing information about setting up food businesses.
- ◆ The Council part-funds a co-ordinator post for Lanarkshire Larder, which is a local network for local food and drink businesses.

#### Good food growing

- ◆ Number of plot holders on council managed sites increased by 20% with the opening of the new allotment in Lammermoor in East Kilbride. Planning applications have also been approved for a raised bed site in Burnhill and tender process is underway. Development is about to begin on a small allotment site in Strathaven.

#### Good food and the environment

- ◆ The Council signed the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration showing its commitment to tackle climate emergency through integrated food policies.
- ◆ With support from the Council, 49 tonnes of food surplus have been distributed by the charity FareShare to local organisations. This represents 137,690 meal portions and a value of £206,532.

#### Good food governance

- ◆ A network composed of food stakeholders from the third, private and public sector is regularly meeting to discuss specific food topics such as the impact of Covid-19 on food and the links between the food system and climate change.
- ◆ Membership to the UK network Sustainable Food Places has been achieved. This recognises and celebrates the partnership approach that the Council is taking to achieve positive changes on a range of key food issues.

### **5. Other Food Related Actions not Included in the IMPROVe Report**

- 5.1. Other actions in relation to food were developed but are not included in the IMPROVe report as the decision to implement them was taken after the approval of the 2021-2022 action plan.
- 5.2. This includes the expansion of Universal Free School Meals to P4 children and the development of the Scottish Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme in nursery. Both initiatives started in August and more information will be provided in the Q4 report.
- 5.3. Summer Session hubs ran within 14 locations across South Lanarkshire for a period of 6 weeks with breakfast and lunch served every day. Enrolment in the clubs was primarily targeted at those in receipt of free school meal entitlement, living with mental health, isolation, bereavement, anxiety, and financial difficulties and who are living in the surrounding communities. 834 participants attended, and Facilities provided up to 10,000 meals over the duration of the programme.

### **6. Employee Implications**

- 6.1. Resources and Services involved in food related activities are required to contribute to the implementation of the Good Food Strategy to ensure that actions and targets are met. The Policy Officer (Food Development) monitors and reports the Council's progress.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. Specific financial implications relating to the implementation of the action plan were reported on a case-by-case basis.

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

- 8.1. By promoting Good Food, food which is environmentally friendly and helps tackle climate change, the Good Food Strategy is aligned with the sustainable development and climate change objectives of the Council. It supports the outcomes of the current Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy, in particular Outcome 1.2, stating that the Council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources. The strategy encourages procurement and consumption of sustainable food, supports the reduction of food waste and food packaging, promotes the redistribution of food surplus and encourages food recycling. It also aims to increase connections with the community, partners and the private sector to reduce the impacts of the food system (from farm to fork) on the environment and its contribution to climate change.

## **9. Other Implications**

- 9.1. There are no implications for risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

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

- 10.1. The Equality Impact Assessment has been conducted and approved.

## **11. Strategic Environmental Assessment**

- 11.1. Following the SEA pre-screening exercise and communication with the Scottish Government, it was concluded that no further action was required in relation to the SEA process for the Good Food Strategy

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**Interim Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

12 January 2022

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

- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities;
- ◆ Support the local economy by providing the right conditions for inclusive growth;
- ◆ Support our communities by tackling disadvantage and deprivation and supporting aspiration.

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Executive Committee 4 December 2019 - Good Food Strategy
- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 10 February 2021 – Action Plan for the second year of implementation of the Good Food Strategy

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

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

The graphic features a large white plate with a green rim. Inside the plate, the text "South Lanarkshire Good Food Strategy 2020-2025" is displayed. A silver fork is positioned diagonally across the bottom of the plate. The background is a warm orange-yellow gradient, decorated with various food-related icons: a carrot, a tomato, a whisk, a cow, a chef's hat, a strawberry, a cheese wedge, and a sheep. At the bottom right, there is a circular logo with a green leaf, a person, and a gear, with the text "Sustainable South Lanarkshire" below it.

## Performance Report

Quarter 2 : 2021/22 - April to September

# 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

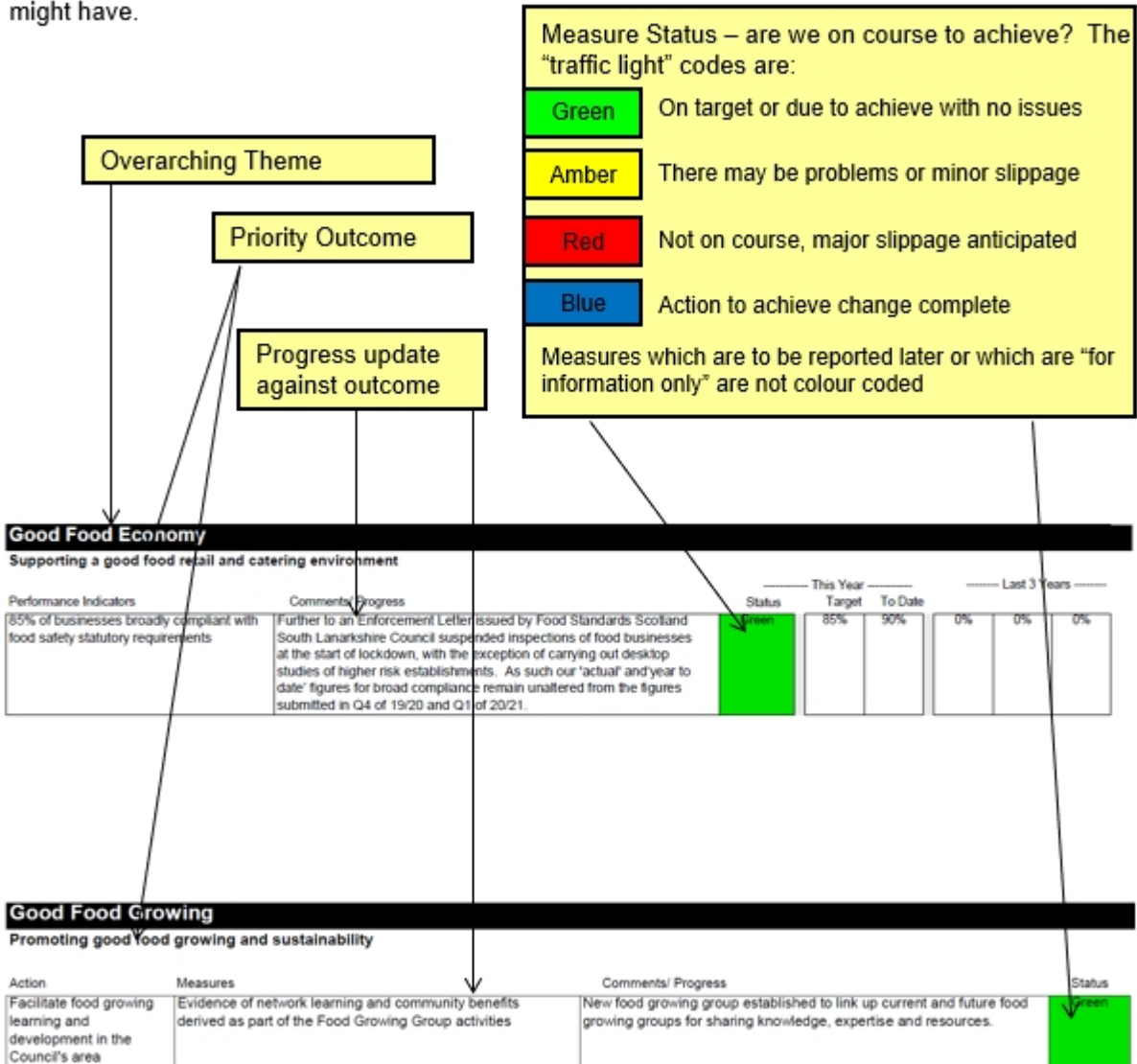
11. Engage with, build on and support the various local food initiatives and encourage collaboration and partnership.
12. Ensure that healthy, sustainable, fair food is embedded in local policies, increase policy coherence and guarantee that food has a high profile across the council by connecting with 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	2	1			3
Good Food Economy	1				1
Good Food for the Environment	3			4	7
<i>Good Food Governance</i>					
Good Food Growing	3			2	5
Good Food in the Public Sector				5	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>

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		10				10
Good Food in the Public Sector	1	4			1	6
Good Food Economy		5			1	6
Good Food Growing		4				4
Good Food for the Environment		3			2	5
Good Food Governance		5				5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>



# 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 poverty and insecurity

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Number of learners from the Youth Family and Community Learning service benefiting from food related learning programmes	190 YFCL learners have benefited from food related learning programmes including: Trinity gardening programme; Larkhall community culture ASN group; Carlisle young carers; in DofE Gold Activity Week which had a focus on cooking and the outdoors; Non-Bake baking activities for all groups of children / young people attending St Pauls Summer Hub and the pocket park project in East Kilbride for food and herb growing. As a result of this engagement, learners have improved confidence and self-esteem, mental health, physical health and wellbeing. No target was established as the baseline has to be redefined due to the post Covid-19 context.	Green	-----	190	0	0	0
Share of free school meals uptake in primary schools	Uptake continues to be impacted by Covid-19. This is a year to date position which includes April to June where schools were not fully operating due to COVID. The figure does not reflect uptake in a normal year.	Amber	65%	57%	0%	0%	0%
Share of free school meals uptake in secondary schools	Uptake continues to be impacted by Covid-19.	Green	41%	41%	-----	-----	41%

### Good Food in the Public Sector

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

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Level of primary school meal uptake (as proportion of total primary school meals which could be taken up over the period).	School meal uptake figures continue to be affected by Covid-19 and its impact on school attendance (i.e. through home-schooling and self-isolating).  Target shown is the 2019-20 level and is for contextual purposes only this year.	Contextual	59%	54%	-----	59%	41%

## 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

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Level of secondary school meal uptake (as proportion of total secondary school meals which could be taken up over the period).	School meal uptake figures continue to be affected by Covid-19 and its impact on school attendance (i.e. through home-schooling and self-isolating).  Target shown is the 2019-20 level and is for contextual purposes only this year.	Contextual	47%	33%	-----	47%	24%
Number of lunches served in nursery schools as part of new Scottish Government Early Years Initiative.	Data is incomplete for quarter two, as period six information is not yet available yet. The figure shown includes period one through five only.  Target shown is the 2019-20 number and is for contextual purposes only this year.	Contextual	288,486	139,088	-----	288,486	218,249
Public procurement spending in Fairtrade produces	This figure is reported annually and will be provided in the Q4 report. Baseline needs to be established.	Report Later	-----	-----	-----	-----	£3,890
Public procurement spending in local food (i.e. food produced or manufactured in Scotland and in Lanarkshire)	This figure is reported annually and will be provided in the Q4 report. Baseline needs to be established.	Report Later	-----	-----	0	0	0

## 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	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
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 changed on 1st July 2019. The previous food law rating scheme focused on broad compliance with food hygiene requirements only, whereas the new scheme assesses overall compliance with both food hygiene and food standards legislation.</p> <p>Under the combined old and new food law rating schemes, 93% were found to be broadly compliant in the second quarter of 2021-22 (July - September 2021). This equates to 2,508 food businesses. Year to date, 92% 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 the new food law rating scheme has come into effect.</p>	Green	85%	92%	-----	-----	90%

### Good Food Growing

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

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Size of Prime Agriculture Land protected from development	This figure is reported annually and will be provided in the Q4 report.	Report Later	6,213	-----	0	0	0
Number of overall plot holders on council managed sites	This figure is updated from last quarter's figure to include the 61 new plot holders in Lammermoor allotments, which opened in June 2021.	Green	301	316	0	0	0

## Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### 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	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Size of the land provided for council managed food growing sites	This figure is reported annually and will be provided in the Q4 report.	Report Later	44,830	-----	0	0	0
Number of participants in food growing in other council land including schools, care homes, housing areas and areas managed by community groups or third party organisations	Based on numbers submitted to 19th October 2021, the figure provided is the total number of people involved from the community and schools. No growing activity was taking place on community sites, care homes and other sites until the end of May due to lockdown restrictions, so this represents the quarterly information from July until October. Some activities were taking place remotely like seed exchanges to facilitate growing at home or at other locations. Seed packs (2500) and grow potatoes and pollinators at home packs (420) were issued by East Kilbride Development Trust and Grow 73 for people to participate in food growing. Activities range from growing small things like lettuce and other salad leaves, potatoes, pumpkins for Halloween, and harvesting fruit from orchards.	Green	2,053	5,389	0	0	0
Occupancy level at council managed sites	Percentage rate of occupancy as at 19th October 2021.	Green	95%	99%	0%	0%	0%

### 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	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Share of householders using the council's food waste collection service	Participation survey scheduled for February 2022 (resources permitting). There is less garden waste during the winter months and therefore collection loads will be more reflective of food waste only.	Report Later	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Share of food waste from school kitchen	Pilot being carried out to establish baseline.	Report Later	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Share of food waste from school dining room	Pilot being carried out to establish baseline.	Report Later	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Share of food waste from school kitchen recycled/composted	Pilot being carried out to establish baseline.	Report Later	-----	-----	-----	-----	100%
Share of fish respecting MSC standards served in council properties and schools	The service is and will remain committed to purchasing fish that meets Marine Stewardship Council standards. This means that fisheries are assessed by accredited independent certifiers with regards to fish stocks, environmental impacts and fisheries management.	Green	100%	100%	-----	-----	100%

## Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### 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	2018/19	2019/20	2020/
Share of chicken respecting red tractor standards served in council properties and schools	The service is and will remain committed to purchasing chicken that meets Red Tractor standards. The standard means that chicken has been responsibly sourced, safely produced and respects animal welfare criteria.	Green	100%	100%	-----	-----	100%
Share of red butcher meat respecting QMS standard served in council properties and schools	The service is and will remain committed to purchasing meat that meets Quality Meat Scotland standards. This means that cattle have been born, reared and slaughtered in Scotland and that they have spent their entire life in QMS Scotch Assured holdings. The standards also take into account animal welfare.	Green	100%	100%	-----	-----	100%

# 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 poverty and insecurity

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Promote and support Good Food projects and campaigns in schools across South Lanarkshire	Number of projects/campaigns and number of schools involved	30 primary schools in South Lanarkshire have participated to the national campaign Eat Them to Defeat Them run by Veg Power for a period of five weeks from May 2021. The campaign uses advertising and a school programme to get kids to eat more vegetables. Local newspaper published articles about some of the activities developed in schools during the campaign.	Green



## Good Food at Home and in the Community

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Communicate on the new regulation for Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink to children, parents, catering staff and teachers through a specific educational programme	Number of schools, children, parents, catering staff, teachers involved	Due to Covid-19 restrictions still in place, no food activities have been undertaken. However, visits have been undertaken to each school to raise awareness about the new regulations with head teachers. The service also continues to promote nutritional regulations and menus via parent flyers and digital animation.	Green

## Good Food at Home and in the Community

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

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	Number of Service Users participating and feedback from participants	<p>The Kitchen Learning Hub (KLH) is delivered every Tuesday and Thursday for two hours and classes are taught remotely on Microsoft Teams. Participants attend one session a week for a maximum of 15 weeks.</p> <p>On the morning of each session a food parcel is delivered to each participant. Parcels contain all the ingredients needed to make a healthy, balanced meal along with a recipe card and nutritional information, and participants cook alongside the nutritionist during the class.</p> <p>From April to September 2021, 23 participants have taken part in KLH with an average of three participants per session. For many participants the KLH was their first-time cooking. Participants complete a pre and post-course questionnaire and feedback indicates an increased confidence in cooking, increased knowledge of nutrition, also changes in eating habits and healthier diet. Participants shared the meals they made with friends and families, and several reported particularly enjoying teaching their children how to cook.</p> <p>From October 2021, bread making sessions are being delivered in-house every Thursday led by a case manager. Bread baked is donated to our local food banks.</p>	Green
Deliver accredited and non-accredited food related learning programmes to YFCL learners including health eating; REHIS; ASDAN	Number of learners who have improved confidence and self esteem, mental health, physical health and well being	190 learners have improved confidence and self-esteem, mental health, physical health and wellbeing, through participating in YFCL accredited and non-accredited food related learning programmes including: Trinity garden project; East Kilbride food growing plot programme; Weed'em and Reap and Larkhall Community garden programme.	Green

## 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 poverty and insecurity**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
awards; agriculture and food growing; cooking on a Budget; Grass Routes; Hareleeshill	Number of learners who are better able to support their child/family members health and wellbeing	190 learners reported they are better able to support their family health and wellbeing through taking part in YFCL accredited and non-accredited food related learning programmes.	Green

## 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 poverty and insecurity**

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Community Garden; 'Weed'em & Reap'	Number of learners who have achieved a nationally recognised award or qualification	16 learners achieved a nationally recognised award or qualification including level 2) Food Hygiene certificate and John Muir Award (food related activity).	Green

## Good Food at Home and in the Community

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Monitor the number of food parcels delivered by food banks sharing their data	Number of food parcels delivered by food banks to understand trends of food insecurity and inform council actions and local initiatives	<p>The aggregate figures from the South Lanarkshire food banks for quarter one and quarter two 2021-22 suggest that 6,124 households were referred to the local food banks between 1st April and 30th September 2021. As part of this 12,658 people were fed through emergency food distribution in the first six months of 2021-22 (including 8,628 adults and 4,030 children).</p> <p>The 2021-22 quarter one and quarter two figures (12,658 people fed) represents a 39% drop on the number of people taking up emergency food distribution from the South Lanarkshire food banks from the same point last year (20,776 recorded at quarter one and quarter two during 2020-21).</p> <p>The drop in the level of emergency food distribution over the past 12 months is to be expected as the South Lanarkshire food banks had experienced a record high number of requests for free food assistance during 2020 due to the financial and social effects of the Covid-19 pandemic e.g. families being unable to afford food as a result of cuts in incomes due to furlough or redundancy, or being unable to access food due to the need to self-isolate.</p> <p>Comparing current levels of emergency food uptake to pre-Covid-19 levels (e.g. quarter one and quarter two 2019-20), the recent figures indicate that the number of people being fed through emergency food distribution is now 67% higher than it was in the comparable period back in 2019 (only 7,575 people recorded as being in receipt of emergency food assistance during quarter one and quarter two 2019-20). This again is to be expected as the long-term effects of Covid-19 on issues like employment, incomes and the wider economy are still being experienced.</p> <p>The green status of this measure reflects the fact that data from food</p>	Green

## Good Food at Home and in the Community

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
		banks continues to be effectively monitored and compiled in order to inform local policy decisions relating to food insecurity and that the sustained quantity of food being distributed can be taken as evidence that positive progress is being made. The interpretation of the measure can vary depending on how the statistics are interpreted e.g. a rise in the number of people being fed through food banks could be viewed as a positive and as a sign that local food banks have successfully expanded capacity in order to meet the needs of those who require emergency food assistance, but also as a negative and an indication that a growing number of people in South Lanarkshire are experiencing food poverty, due to the social and economic effects of the pandemic.	
Fund free school meals to eligible children during the spring holiday period (£30 voucher per fortnight)	Number of children receiving vouchers	There are currently 9,158 children eligible for low income based Free School Meals payments during school holidays in school session 2021-22. Please note that this figure changes on a regular basis. Families have received cash payments rather than vouchers.	Green

## Good Food at Home and in the Community

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Provide advice and referrals to specific food initiatives to family experiencing food insecurity	Number of referrals and applications helping families to improve their financial conditions (Best Start Food applications; Healthy Start Voucher applications; Food Bank referrals; School meal applications; Scottish Welfare Fund applications)	From 1st April 2021 to 12th October 2021, 655 enquiries were received within Money Matters to help families to improve their financial situations.	Green
Work in partnership with community food organisations and partners to identify and support the development of sustainable initiatives to tackle food poverty in response to COVID-19 (including improving access to food and ensuring those assessing aid receive the advice and support required)	Number of organisations supported and/or initiatives developed	<p>The Council continues to support local food organisations with their food deliveries. Seven organisations are supported on a regular basis and others are supported on an ad-hoc basis depending on needs. From April to mid-September, 10,489 food parcels have been distributed by the council (the equivalent of 167,824 meals) and 485 households have also reached help through the council Community Wellbeing Line.</p> <p>The new council booklet "Money is not the Only Problem" providing advices for people in situation of financial insecurity, including information on food insecurity, has also been published and is currently being distributed through local groups.</p>	Green

## 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
Meet the new regulation for Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in schools	New regulation met by 30th April 2021	Action completed, new regulations in place and maintained.	Complete
Work towards the Food for Life bronze standards in primary schools through an initial assessment and design of an implementation plan to achieve the award in year 2	Assessment undertaken by 31 March 2022	Assessment will be undertaken by 31st March 2022.	Green
	Action plan to achieve bronze in year 2 developed by 31 March 2022	Action plan to achieve the bronze award will be developed by 31st March 2022.	Green
Promote a food pledge aligned with the SL Good Food definition for food served in Council properties	Food pledge promoted by June 2021	Food pledge continues to be promoted via parent menu flyers and digital animations.	Green
Promote Fairtrade principles in schools and council properties	Activities promoting Fairtrade principles during the Fairtrade fortnight	The next opportunity to promote Fairtrade products and principles will be in February 2022 during the Fairtrade Fortnight.	Report Later
Develop a road map and undertake actions to increase procurement of sustainable food in schools and council properties with relevant council services and share good practices with partners of the CPP	Road map developed and demonstrated initiatives to increase procurement of sustainable food	The Sustainable Food Procurement group meets regularly and this led to the development of concrete actions such as the organisation of a session "How do Local Authorities procure Food and Drink?" at the Lanarkshire Meet the Buyer event; and the commission of an analysis to better understand local food supply. The group has also linked with current suppliers to discuss local food and learned from external partners.	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
Engage with the Scottish Government during consultation on National Planning Framework 4 to ensure embedding of health and wellbeing issues in decision making	Response to consultation on draft NPF4 with likely timescale of Q3 2021/22 council response to these issues developed with preparation of supporting planning guidance (draft available for approval by end 2021/22)	The Scottish Government consultation on NPF4 is likely to be published in quarter three. The timescales for responding are not known at present. The Government has indicated the approved NPF4 will be published in Summer 2022. This in turn will inform the next Local Development Plan and interim Supporting Planning Guidance.	Report Later
Promote Fairtrade principles together with members of the Fairtrade steering group and renew the Fairtrade Zone status of the council	Fairtrade Zone Status renewed by August 2021	The Fairtrade Status has been automatically renewed this year given the Covid-19 situation.	Green
	Number of initiatives/activities promoting Fairtrade principles	The council is now member of the Scottish Fair Trade Forum. The council has also been involved in the annual Fair Trade Award Ceremony by sponsoring the Fairtrade Climate Change and Partnership award. Biggar Primary School received a Community Award at the same ceremony.	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
Offer advice and support to local food businesses (start-ups and established)	Number of food businesses engaged with and supported	The council's Economic Development Officer who supports the food and drink industry is in contact with food and drink businesses throughout South Lanarkshire to offer information, advice, support and signposting. Visits are made to businesses and their premises and products are viewed and the operations and potential of the businesses are discussed, with a view to offering ongoing support to help businesses develop. The council works closely with other organisations to offer a one-stop shop approach to support businesses, including Business Gateway Lanarkshire, Elevator, Scotland Food and Drink, North Lanarkshire Council, Lanarkshire Larder, Scottish Enterprise, Federation of Small Businesses, Lanarkshire Business Hub etc.	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	<p>The Economic Development team is currently running a project funded by SAC Consulting and the Council to raise the profile of the South Lanarkshire food and drink sector, which involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- funding workshops using locally grown produce</li> <li>- providing seeds, peat-free compost and window boxes to more than 50 community groups and schools to encourage them to grow their own produce and then cook snacks/meals using products they have grown themselves and some groups are giving surplus to local food banks – this enables a range of transferable skills to be developed</li> <li>- The Council is working in conjunction with our own Employability Team, Developing the Young Workforce, Elevator and Young Enterprise Scotland to offer support to community groups and schools in building skills, gaining employment and providing information about setting up a business using local produce.</li> <li>- The council is currently promoting a Hamper Competition as part of this project, covering the whole of the UK, with a prize of SL food and drink products and vouchers with a value exceeding £600. The purpose of this is to support businesses and raise the profile of the SL food and drink sector, to enable them to increase their business profile and turnover.</li> </ul>	Green
Promote use of local food produce (promotion and events) across business sectors	Demonstrated activities to promote local produce	<p>The council part-funds a co-ordinator's post for Lanarkshire Larder during its first year as it gets established. This is a local organisation that supports the Lanarkshire food and drink sector.</p> <p>The economic development team supports the overall implementation of the Good Food Strategy by being involved with events to encourage networking.</p> <p>The team encourages Business Gateway Lanarkshire to focus on specific sectors and in October, they held a month of events and workshops focused specifically on the food and drink sector.</p>	Green

## Good Food Growing

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Develop a Council wide Open Space Strategy 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 at Q2 2021/22 and draft OSS for approval by end 2021/22	<p>The audit and quality assessment of the existing open space provision in South Lanarkshire has continued over the summer. The work has been completed for the Clydesdale and Hamilton areas and is almost complete for Cambuslang/Rutherglen. There are still a number of sites in the East Kilbride area to be assessed.</p> <p>The Scottish Government's draft regulations on OSS and play sufficiency assessments are expected to be published by the end of the year - drafting of SLC strategy is on hold until this Scottish Government guidance is issued.</p>	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
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	Response to consultation on draft regulations and guidance on LPPs at Q1 2021/22 with legislation coming into force in Q3	<p>The Council's response to the LPP consultation was approved by June planning committee and submitted to Scottish Government.</p> <p>The Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans)(Scotland) Regulations 2021 were laid in the Scottish Parliament on 7th October 2021. Subject to Parliament's approval, these regulations will come into force on 22 January 2022.</p>	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Implement the year 2 action plan for the Food Growing Strategy as per Scottish Government guidance (e.g developing food growing sites, providing advice and support to groups, facilitating Food growing group meetings, promoting sustainable food growing practices)	Progress on the implementation of year 2 action plan	<p>Implementation of Year 2 action plan underway. Number of plot holders increased by 20% in line with target, with the opening of the new allotments in Lammermoor, East Kilbride.</p> <p>Planning applications have been approved for a raised bed site in Burnhill and tender process is underway. Development is about to begin on a small allotment site in Strathaven. Programme of works being confirmed.</p> <p>Available land register updated to reflect current situation and land identified in priority areas. Further investigations being undertaken.</p> <p>Two park sites have been identified for mini orchards - Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park. These orchards will be of dwarf root stock so that the fruit is available for children to pick. Trees have been ordered and final ground investigations underway to identify areas for planting. Local groups will be involved in planting and monitoring.</p> <p>Outline plan for a food growing site at Chatelherault, Hamilton created and pre planning checks ongoing.</p> <p>A feasibility study and ground investigations have been requested on a potential future site in Blantyre.</p> <p>Potential vacant and derelict land funding identified for a site Cuningar Loop. However site investigations to be carried out when access to the site can be obtained.</p> <p>Installation of the water harvesting system at Murray Recreation has been delayed due to supply delays which have made it difficult to source the necessary materials. Work continues to ensure that this is completed as soon as possible.</p>	Green

## Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

### Good Food Growing

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
		Work to provide an additional growing area in a housing site has been delayed due to the residents association being unable to meet as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.  £300,000 has been ringfenced from April 2021 to develop food growing initiatives.	Green
	Annual report to Scottish Government	Report completed and available on South Lanarkshire Council's website.	

### 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	Service still under review. Associated costs and feasibility will be available in the new year 2022.	Report Later

## 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 the Waste Education Team provide to schools in South Lanarkshire to include information about food waste reduction and recycling	Educational material updated by March 2022 including criteria to assess the impact of the educational programme	The Waste Education Team is currently supporting the Operation Team due to a lack of resources and therefore limited progresses could be made in relation to food waste and education in schools.	Report Later
Lead on reducing the council's reliance on avoidable single-use plastic items for food	Actions to reduce reliance on single-use plastic items for food across the council	Packaging continue to be reviewed reducing the use of single use plastic.	Green



## Good Food for the Environment

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Support the redistribution of food surplus	Quantity of food surplus redistributed to vulnerable people (food bank) or sold at affordable prices (food coop)	With financial support from the council, 49 tonnes of food surplus have been distributed by the charity FareShare to local organisations, an increase of 28% compared to the last six months. This represents 137,690 meal portions and a value of £206,532. In total, 47 tonnes of CO2 have been saved by using the food surplus.	Green
Undertake campaign promoting sustainable food	Number of campaigns promoting sustainable food	<p>Several campaigns promoting sustainable food have been developed and run on intranet and social media including the monthly publication of seasonality calendars; series of infographics about the effect of food on climate change; invitation to join the low carbon lunch during the food and climate day celebration.</p> <p>The council has also signed the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration showing its commitment to tackle the climate emergency through integrated food policies.</p> <p>Support has been provided to the discussion paper on urban and peri-urban agriculture prepared by Nourish and shared with the Scottish Government.</p> <p>A collective answer to the Local Food Plan consultation was coordinated with the organisation of a local workshop with support from Nourish Scotland.</p>	Green

## 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
Identify and promote local food initiatives including those developed during the COVID-19 pandemic and facilitate information sharing around Good Food practices in South Lanarkshire	Establish an appropriate communication forum/channel to facilitate information sharing and peer learning around good food	The channel has been created and is in the process of approval.	Green
Support the voluntary and third sector and work with partners to formalise the food network and encourage a partnership approach to progress the objectives of the strategy including the new organisations/initiatives developed to tackle food poverty resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic	Presence of an active food network	The food network called the Good Food Forum is meeting every three to four months. The network is composed of food stakeholders from the third, private and public sectors. A meeting was organised in June to discuss the impact of Covid-19 on food system and a meeting in October to discuss the link between food and climate change. Meetings are organised in partnership with VASLan.	Green
Join the UK network Sustainable Food Places	Membership achieved in 2021/22 to guarantee a high profile of food initiatives	The membership has been achieved and the council has joined the UK Sustainable Food Places network in June. This was communicated with an article on South Lanarkshire View and in the Sustainable Food Places website and newsletter.	Green

## Good Food Governance

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Establish a Sustainable Food Procurement working group with relevant council services	Working group established and road map developed	The Sustainable Food Procurement group has been established in April and includes officers from Procurement, Economic Development, Facilities, Social Work, SLLC and Sustainable Development. More detailed information about services is available in the covering report to this appendix in the "Good Food in the public sector" section.	Green
Work with partners from CPP to define and implement collective actions to progress the objectives of the Good Food Strategy	Number of actions validated and implemented by partners and areas covered	<p>Two main actions related to food are included in the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) action plan: one about improving access to food and crisis aid and ensuring those accessing aid receive the advice and support required to find more sustainable solutions; and the other one about increasing the number of people involved in food growing. The CPP annual report 2020-21 also included a section showcasing the support provided by the council and partners to tackle food insecurity.</p> <p>Several actions related to food are also included in the Local Child Poverty Action Report.</p>	Green



# Report

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Report to:	<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>2 February 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Scottish Government Consultation on National Litter and Flytipping Strategy</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ◆ advise the Committee of the current Scottish Government consultation on the National Litter and Flytipping Strategy
- ◆ set out the proposed South Lanarkshire Council response to be submitted to the Scottish Government.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the overview of the consultation on the National Litter and Flytipping Strategy be noted.
- (2) that the proposed South Lanarkshire Council response to the consultation be approved for submission to the Scottish Government by 31 March 2022.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. In June 2014, the Scottish Government published the country's first National Litter Strategy "*Towards a Litter Free Scotland: A Strategic Approach to Higher Quality Local Environments.*" A review of this strategy was completed in November 2019 which highlighted that significant progress had been made and identified key successes of the strategy. However, it also recognises that litter and flytipping still pose a significant challenge that require further concerted actions and identified opportunities for potential future action
- 3.2. The landscape within which the previous strategy was written has evolved significantly, and a number of new policy areas are now linked to the impact of litter and flytipping. The COVID-19 pandemic has also posed a number of new challenges in regard to litter and flytipping. The Scottish Government decided that this strategy would be updated as a National Litter and Flytipping Strategy, recognising that these are separate issues, to allow a tailored approach to be taken to each of them.
- 3.3. Further to the review that was conducted on the previous strategy, targeted stakeholder engagement has focused on the current challenges and future priorities for action. This consultation reflects these discussions and proposes actions that can be taken to prevent litter and flytipping from occurring and effectively deal with it when

it does. It also provides an opportunity to further engage with stakeholders on proposed actions which will help to shape and deliver the final strategy.

- 3.4. The Council's Policy Officer (Environmental Initiatives) represents the Council on both of the Scottish Government working groups on Litter and Fly tipping.

#### **4. South Lanarkshire Council Response**

- 4.1. The focus of the consultation is to invite views on the planned approach to tackle litter and flytipping in Scotland. Consultation responses will inform future policy on how this can best be achieved.
- 4.2. A summary of the proposed response is outlined for each section. A copy of the full proposed response is attached in Appendix 1.

<b>Litter</b>	The Council is supportive of the proposals within this section of the consultation.
<b>Flytipping</b>	The Council is supportive of the proposals within this section of the consultation.

- 4.3. The proposed response was developed incorporating views from officers within Community and Enterprise Resources, including Environmental Services.

#### **5. Next Steps**

- 5.1. Following agreement of the proposed response by the Committee and, if applicable, the inclusion of any required amendments, the final response will be submitted to the Scottish Government before the consultation closes on 31 March 2022.

#### **6. Employee Implications**

- 6.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report at this time

#### **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report at this time

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

- 8.1. Littering and flytipping has a detrimental impact on health and wellbeing, the economy, and the natural environment. Litter and flytipping can lead to soil, water, and air pollution and it is estimated that 80% of marine litter washing up on our beaches started out on land. It can affect our ecosystem services and bring harm to biodiversity. Prevention of litter and flytipping has a key role to play in sustainable development and promoting the circular economy. The Litter Strategy will support the outcomes of the Council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy.
- 8.2. A further positive outcome of prevention of littering and flytipping is that proper disposal will have a positive effect on the Council's recycling figures. At present, the disposal of litter and fly tipping is not separated prior to disposal and, in the main, is sent for incineration.

#### **9. Other Implications**

- 9.1. There are no additional risks associated with this report

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

- 10.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy nor recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required

**Alistair McKinnon**

**Interim Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

12 January 2022

### **Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives**

- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities.
- ◆ Support the local economy by providing the right conditions for inclusive growth.
- ◆ Support our communities by tackling disadvantage and deprivation and supporting aspiration

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 3 November 2021 – Development of a Litter Strategy Update

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Scottish Government consultation on National litter and flytipping  
([National litter and flytipping: consultation - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/consultations/national-litter-and-flytipping/pages/consultation.aspx))

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## Appendix 1

South Lanarkshire Council full response to the 'Scottish Government consultation on National litter and flytipping strategy:

No.	Question	Response
	<b>Litter</b>	
1(a).	Do you support the proposed action to conduct research to understand the full range of influences on littering behaviours (action 1.1)? Yes / No / Do not know	Yes
1(b).	Please give reason(s) for your answer.	Research allows us more evidence and understanding regarding what campaigns and engagement are effective and how behaviours can positively be changed within each demographic.
2(a).	Do you support the proposed action to develop and adopt a national anti-littering campaign (action 2.1)	Yes
2(b).	Please give reason(s) for your answer	<p>A national campaign is something that is greatly needed to show a united front on this damaging activity. The national campaign should be promoted through a variety of means but have a strong message which is memorable and sticks with people.</p> <p>There should also be the ability for local authorities or land owners to do regional variations of this campaign for a specific area or issue, while it still being associated and recognisable as part of the national campaign.</p>
3.	Which topics should be a priority to address by behaviour change interventions?	<p>Roadside littering</p> <p>Using a bin, or taking litter home if there isn't a bin</p>
4.	Is there a need to develop a standard definition for litter that can be used across Scotland?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Won't necessarily make any difference to the people who litter. Could make a difference to enforcement.</p>



5(a).	<p>Do you support the following proposed actions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action 3.1: Review available litter data and reach an agreement between stakeholders on a common approach to data collection?</li> <li>- Action 3.2: Identify commonly littered items and litter hotspots and work with local authorities to develop targeted interventions?</li> <li>- Action 3.3: Increase the use of citizen science to support data levels and composition of litter?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
5(b).	Please give reason(s) for your answer.	Litter data and research is only good if it is used for positive change. Common approach to data collection is required if something is going to be undertaken nationally. Litter Monitoring System is a good start for this, however there are still large dispraises in it's uses.
6.	What would encourage increased participation in citizen science data collection?	<p>Include it in the school curriculum, specifically in high schools.</p> <p>Make sure feedback is given to the groups and individuals undertaking citizen science.</p>
7(a).	<p>Do you support the proposed actions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action 4.1: Review of CoPLaR (2018) and its implementation by duty holders?</li> <li>- Action 4.2: Explore the use of flexible and innovative interventions to support litter prevention and removal?</li> <li>- Action 4.3: Establish an action focused group to encourage collaboration and share best practice between local authorities, national parks and other duty bodies?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>

7(b).	Please give reason(s) for your answers	<p>COPLAR should be reviewed to understand what changes are being trialled or implemented to provide a focus on prevention.</p> <p>Flexible and innovative solutions should be explored, however there also needs to be a balance and consideration for the financial restrictions and further expectation of flexible resources.</p> <p>There is already a group established, Litter Managers Network. More could be done if there was a national campaign or funding backing.</p>
8.	Please provide examples of flexible or innovative interventions that have or have not worked well.	<p>Mapping litter bins to understand what infrastructure we have in each location, including type, capacity and condition.</p> <p>Solar compactor bin trial in a park to assess the feasibility of the smart technology.</p>
9.	How can increased collaboration and information sharing across local authorities, national parks and other duty bodies be achieved?	<p>National campaigns and development/enhancement of Networks across organisations including information sharing hubs.</p> <p>National citizen app that allows reporting of litter and fly tipping.</p>
10(a).	<p>Do you support the proposed actions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action 5.1: Create a national litter hub to provide information to community groups?</li> <li>- Action 5.2: Create a community-focused litter education programme?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
10(b).	Please give reason(s) for your answer.	<p>Support for the national litter hub, as long as the information it is providing is consistent and appropriate to each of the local authorities who need to action.</p> <p>Support the community focused litter education programme in principal, however more information would be required as to what this</p>

		would include. We currently have very engaged groups on litter and would be interested on what more the hub and education programme could contribute.
11.	What advice, information and support should be included in a national litter hub?	<p>Risk assessment and health and safety. Information for local authority specific details including bags, equipment and how to arrange for litter picked bags or larger items to be uplifted.</p> <p>Best Practice, updates and outcomes of pilots to tackle litter.</p>
12.	What topics should be included in a community-focused litter education programme?	<p>How the topic can be included in other community groups or partnerships. Preventative initiatives or actions that can be undertaken by the community.</p> <p>Information on how and where to report litter issues and better information on how litter is enforced and the current challenges to issuing fines and prosecuting.</p>
13(a).	<p>Do you support proposed actions on enforcement of litter offences to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action 6.1: Conduct an evidence review of barriers to enforcement?</li> <li>- Action 6.2: Explore raising current fixed penalty notice amounts?</li> <li>- Action 6.3: Explore potential alternative penalties to monetary fixed penalties?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
13(b).	Please give reason(s) for your answers.	<p>The two examples provided namely litter from vehicles we agree that if it can be demonstrated that the litter came from vehicle then the registered keeper is made liable. In addition, the DVLA search restrictions should also be reviewed as getting the registered keeper details from DVLA has restriction on it that may make this difficult to do in every instance.</p> <p>Secondly the suggestion that civil fines be explored is not something we have found to be effective on dog fouling fines which we understand are civil (arbitral decree). The recovery costs made attempting to recovering</p>

		<p>the fines set at £80 (Dog Fouling is the same as Littering) not worthwhile (Sheriff Officers).</p> <p>We would strongly recommend that the whole area of littering caused by under 16s (school pupils) be tackled as a major cause of littering in urban areas. Enforcement in this area is difficult and can be viewed as unacceptable.</p> <p>FPN amounts should be increased, however it is more important and vital that the model in general improves and FPN are collected or passed on to the COPFS. Without the process being followed, enforcement as a deterrent is weak and doesn't provide an effective role.</p> <p>Alternatives to monetary fixed penalties should be explored, but the significant factor is that a process is followed, and people should know what the outcome is if they do break the law in this respect.</p>
14(a).	Do you support the proposed action to review and further develop guidance on enforcement best practices (action 7.1)?	Yes
14(b).	Please give reason(s) for your answer.	In particular we have found fiscal (littering offences) does not see these as significant in terms of public benefit and it is hard to argue that this is not the case.
14(c).	What should be included in this guidance?	Evidence requirements for both physical evidence and witnesses. Evidence recording. Reporting process.
	<b>Flytipping</b>	
15(a).	Do you support the proposed action to conduct research to understand behaviour that leads to flytipping (action 8.1)?	Yes
15(b).	Please give reason(s) for your answer.	Support the proposed research into fly tipping behaviour, with the condition that it supports the actions that are happening throughout the country. There is currently a lack of support for local authorities and other land owners on the consistent problem that is fly tipping, apart from expecting it to be cleared up. This can be on multiple scales; however, it is all illegally disposed waste that the land owner is then responsible for.

16(a).	<p>Do you agree with the proposed actions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action 9.1: Develop a sustained, evidence based, national anti-flytipping behaviour change campaign?</li> <li>- Action 9.2: Create a single information point containing advice on disposal of commonly flytipped materials?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
16(b).	<p>Please give reason(s) for your answer. Are there topics that should be a priority to address in this campaign?</p>	<p>A national campaign on fly tipping is definitely required as there needs to be a push to show as a country that we don't accept this behaviour. Fly tipping and illegal dumping of waste is done by a variety of different people, but with an evidence-based approach there is the ability to start to highlight the different offenders and the large-scale problem.</p> <p>Dumb Dumpers would be the current equivalent which can be improved on. Issues with a single information point for this type of information is that it is different in each local authority. Needs to be taken into consideration that only a small proportion of fly tippers would use and act from this information.</p>
17.	<p>Are there topics that should be a priority to address in behaviour change interventions?</p>	<p>Duty of care. Personal responsibility for the correct, safe and legal disposal of your property and materials.</p> <p>True cost of fly tipping. The environmental, social and economic impact.</p>
18.	<p>What information should be included in the single information point?</p>	<p>Links to local authority pages for HWRC, bulk uplifts, reuse options.</p> <p>Duty of care information. Checklist to make sure you are using a registered waste carrier for disposal.</p>
19.	<p>Is there a need to develop a definition of flytipping that can be adopted across Scotland?</p>	<p>Do not know</p> <p>Won't necessarily make any difference to the people who fly tip. Could make a difference to enforcement.</p>

20(a).	<p>Do you support the proposed actions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action 10.1: Create a data sharing agreement to support gathering of data and work with stakeholders to improve consistence of data collection?</li> <li>- Action 10.2: Explore incorporating data into a national database?</li> <li>- Action 10.3: Review the Dumb Dumpers system and ensure a fit for purpose mechanism for citizen reporting of flytipping exists in Scotland?</li> <li>- Action 10.4: Explore the development of a live picture of flytipping across Scotland?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
20(b).	Please give reason(s) for your answers.	<p>The idea of live data gathering and a data sharing agreement is positive, however the feasibility of this is the unknown.</p> <p>A fly tipping national database could be very powerful information as it could show patterns, assist collaborations and allow a true picture of the scale of the problem.</p>
21(a).	Do you support mandatory reporting of flytipping incidents for statutory bodies?	Yes
21(b).	Please give reason(s) for your answer	Support mandatory reporting in principal for the benefits, however don't know how feasible it will be in practice. There will be barriers and technological limitations from some statutory bodies. The ability for the mandatory reporting system to be compatible with the IT/CRM systems or call centre needs to be considered and allowances need to be made.
22(a).	Do you think we should continue to use Dumb Dumpers as the national reporting tool?	Dumb Dumpers is currently not an effective national reporting tool.

22(b).	Please give reason(s) for your answers.	Significant changes would be required if it was to be used for that, along with discussions to link in with the statutory bodies with the responsibility to remove the fly tipping.
22(c).	What are barriers to reporting flytipping incidents that occur on private land?	Limited assistance to deal with the removal of the fly tipping from local authorities. In some cases, local authorities can potentially help if there is any evidence or provided preventative advice.
22(d).	Who would you report flytipping to?	Local authority.
23(a).	<p>Do you agree with the proposed actions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action 11.1: Support and encourage information and resource sharing between stakeholders?</li> <li>- Action 11.2: Explore how to support and encourage more reuse and repair of products that are commonly flytipped?</li> <li>- Action 11.3: Explore a flexible approach to waste disposal with a view to trial interventions?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
23(b).	Please give reason(s) for your answers.	<p>Any information and resource sharing is positive as long as there is a reason for the parties to be involved in the arrangement.</p> <p>Reuse and repair options and organisations currently do not have the level of funding that they previously did. This sector would need to be reviewed before trying to encourage more materials to this route, to make it viable. Trial interventions are also something that would be good to have best practice information on regarding the successes and drawbacks.</p>
24.	How can we support and encourage sharing of data and joined up services and infrastructure?	Provide solid information on the benefits and what the information will be used for. Ask what the barriers are and the scale of overcoming them.

25.	Please provide examples of interventions (for example, amnesties or recycling groups) that have or have not work well?	People generally abuse amnesties, and then the action of them creates an expectation. We have tried to move away from the practice due to this.
26.	What are the barriers to disposing of asbestos?	Cost
27(a).	<p>Do you agree with the proposed actions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action 12.1: Explore the role of technology in assisting private landowners and land managers deter flytipping on their land?</li> <li>- Action 12.2: Produce updated guidance for private landowners on dealing with flytipping?</li> <li>- Action 12.3: Explore alternative financial support mechanisms available to private landowners and land managers?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes.</p>
27(b).	Please give reason(s) for your answer.	<p>Any additional consistent information that can be provided to land owners would be beneficial including best practice or case studies on how these have been tackled successfully in other areas.</p> <p>Given the responsibility sits with the land owner the ability of organisations to point citizens etc to this information would be beneficial.</p>
28.	What support mechanisms need to be in place to help private landowners that are victims of flytipping?	Best practice or case studies on how these have been tackled successfully in other areas, information on who they can approach for help and guidance to limit chance of it repeating.
29(a).	<p>Do you support the proposed actions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action 13.1: Conduct an evidence review of</li> </ul>	Yes



	<p>barriers to enforcement of flytipping offences?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action 13.2: Initially raise current fixed penalties issued by local authorities, Police Scotland, Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park for flytipping to the maximum (£500) and explore possibility of raising the maximum further at a later date?</li> <li>- Action 13.3: Explore the possibility and benefits of enabling local authorities and national parks to use civil penalties to enforce flytipping offences?</li> <li>- Action 13.4: Explore raising current fixed monetary penalties that can be issue by SEPA for flytipping offences to the maximum (£1000) and explore possibility of raising the maximum further at a later date?</li> <li>- Action 13.6: Review existing legislative powers for enforcing flytipping offences?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
29(b).	Please give reason(s) for your answers.	<p>Fly tipping legislation and enforcement powers need to be reviewed in order to make them an effective deterrent.</p> <p>The monetary penalties are currently not high enough as in the majority of cases for larger fly tipping, the penalty is actually lower than the disposal costs of the waste they are illegally disposing of.</p> <p>This is mostly on the basis that the £500 is an actual deterrent. In most instances where the costs involved are considerably more than £200 (clear up costs and staff time) we don't issue an FPN (£200) we make a direct referral to the COPFS. A £500 fine for fly tipping a fridge or minor item may be seen as excessive however due to the difficulty in proving the offence was committed by the individual, we feel that each</p>

		<p>example of a successful case merits a higher fine.</p> <p>Civil penalties fines are more significant in value and it may be financially possible to recover the larger amount.</p> <p>The powers available to SEPA should be available to local authorities.</p> <p>We would strongly recommend a national delineation between SEPA and LA's on which fly tipping incidents are investigated by which Agency. We also note that there is a not co-ordinating body for national incidents or cross district intelligence sharing. i.e. out with the boundaries of Regional or LA areas there is no sharing of intel.</p>
30(a).	<p>Do you support proposed actions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action 14.1: Come to an agreement and develop guidance on role and responsibilities in enforcing flytipping offences?</li> <li>- Action 14.2: Develop guidance on enforcement best practices, including on private land and seek for this to be voluntarily adopted by statutory bodies?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
30(b).	<p>Please give reason(s) for your answers.</p>	<p>More guidance on enforcement and effectively progressing it to a conviction is required and will be very beneficial.</p> <p>Guidance including best practices will also help provide a consistent and coordinated approach throughout Scotland which will coincide well with a national campaign.</p> <p>Within professional working groups there is already sharing of approach and template prosecutions and approaches etc however there is no obligation for all Agencies to adopt the same approach.</p>

31.	Are there any additional proposals you think should be considered for the National Litter and Flytipping Strategy?	None
32(a).	Do you agree that the accompanying Impact Assessments (BRIA, EQIA, ICIA, FSDA) are an accurate representation of core issues and considerations?	Yes
32(b).	If not, please provide detail and evidence.	Not applicable
33(a).	Do you agree with the recommendations and conclusions within the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report?	Yes
33(b).	If not, please provide detail and evidence	Not applicable



# Report

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Report to:	<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee</b>
Date:	<b>2 February 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Pesticide Free Council Motion Update</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ♦ provide an update on work done to date in respect of the motion approved at the full Council meeting on 16 December 2020 on a 'Pesticide free Council'.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) Note the content of the report;
- (2) that the next steps, as outlined in section 7 of the report, be approved.

## 3. Background

3.1. On the 16 December 2020, the Council considered a motion regarding a proposal for South Lanarkshire to become a Pesticide free Council. It was agreed that a report be submitted to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee to look at the following:-

- ♦ Identify and audit the extent of the Council's spending on pesticides and herbicides (Task 1)
- ♦ Explain the current pesticide and herbicide policy stating, for public information, the uses made of pesticides and herbicides by the Council and where they were currently used (Task 2)
- ♦ Consider both the costs and efficacy of alternative weed control methods and to consider the use of pesticide and herbicide along with the feasibility of free zones in partnership with local groups, where appropriate (Task 3)
- ♦ Consider the implications of being a pesticide-free Council and whether to set a timetable for the phased elimination of pesticide and herbicide use by Council resources and their contractors (Task 4)

3.2. Update reports have been presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 10 February 2021 and 25 August 2021 providing an update on each of the four tasks and it was agreed that a further report would be provided to a future meeting of this Committee.

#### **4. Current Position**

- 4.1. The Council's Grounds Services teams have continued to apply glyphosate-based herbicide using, water-based tank mixes in knapsacks or motorised vehicles. They have used CDA controlled droplet applicators on all council owned land, including hard stand public footpaths and roads, fence lines, gravel paths, cemetery head row borders, tree base and obstacles.
- 4.2. As indicated in previous reports, the service has, in the past, reviewed where and how it used glyphosate, with staff requested to only apply appropriately and where needed. If glyphosate was applied across all areas identified in the table below, the service should be using 5,250 litres per annum. Based on 2019 usage levels, information highlights that, through changes in practice pre-2019, the service had already reduced usage by 16%.

Areas	Size	Frequency of Operation
Road channel, pavements, kerb lines	5,240 km	2
Shrub Beds – spot treatment	1,400,000 m2	2
Care of Gardens – hard standing	2,600 properties	2
Grass Edging	1,963,000 linear metres	
Non-Native Invasive Species	6,500m2	
Hard Standing areas (paths etc)	2,500,000 m2	2
Base of Obstacles	21,000	2

- 4.3. As agreed, the service has also continued to review the use of glyphosate applications and treatments to reduce the volume of herbicide being applied. An analysis of herbicide usage in 2021 has indicated that there has been a reduction of 400 litres or approximately 9% compared to the 4,516 litres used in 2019.

#### **5. Trials**

- 5.1. As outlined in the previous Committee report, Grounds Services have also undertaken trials/demonstrations of four alternative methods of weed control throughout 2021, being:

- ◆ Hot Foam
- ◆ Hot Steam
- ◆ New Way Spray
- ◆ Mankar Ultra Low Volume lance

By way of comparison, Appendix 1 provides details of the findings of the pilots/demonstrations over a 1-hectare area. It should be noted that the total area as detailed in Table 1 above equates to 525 hectares

- 5.2. Unfortunately, the trials have not identified any suitable replacement that could be used across all land types, and this has made it impossible to accurately evaluate the financial implications. In addition, given the various environmental impacts associated with each of the alternatives, the service is still trying to identify a suitable environmental indicator that would allow a comparison across options. The service will continue to investigate ways of evaluating the environmental impacts of the alternatives.
- 5.3. The service, through piloting the Hot Foam alternative, established that, while not applicable for widespread usage, a suitable use for this type of machinery had been identified and have now purchased the machine that was on hire. The machine will

focus on those areas where we have stated that we will either reduce or not use herbicides (Green flag Parks) and in dealing with non-native invasive plants. It will also be piloted in other areas to identify if its use could be expanded into other areas, and this will hopefully further reduce future use of glyphosate.

5.4. Findings to date on the alternative methods of control clearly demonstrate the increased costs and efficacy of alternative weed control methods. Whilst the alternatives can be far more costly and less effective with reduced kill periods, consideration should be given, going forward, to some of these alternatives in particular situations or locations.

5.5. The service has been approached by several groups/individuals regarding the introduction of herbicide free areas. The service, through discussions with local groups/individuals will look to progress the removal of herbicides from an agreed area during 2022, allowing an evaluation of the actual impact and subsequent feedback by residents/users of the area.

## **6. Best Practice**

6.1. Ground Services attended the annual Amenity Forum conference in October 2021 which, although providing detailed insight in relation to alternative methods confirmed that the areas currently being considered are appropriate and that integrated approaches in dealing with weed control are most likely to be the way forward.

6.2. It also provided additional information on new legislation which will be detailed in the “New National Action Plan on the Sustainable use of Pesticides”, this is a five-year plan which aims to minimise the risks and impacts of pesticides to human health and the environment. It will be national legislation covering all areas of the UK and will be delivered in support of Government targets across the UK on biodiversity and carbon net zero. The service will continue to participate in Forum meetings and events to ensure that it is up to date with current best practice.

6.3. Grounds Services, in partnership with Rotherham City Council, led a workshop on alternatives to Glyphosate, at the APSE awards ceremony held on the 2/3 December in Blackpool. This highlighted that the approach being taken by the Council is at a more advanced stage than the majority of Councils in attendance.

6.4. The Service continues to await the outcomes of the Scottish Government led Weed Control survey completed in January 2021. Timescales for this are not available at this time, however, the Service will continue to seek an output from this survey through the APSE Grounds and Streets Advisory Group so that it can inform the final report.

## **7. Next Steps**

- 7.1. Although good progress has been made in 2021, with a reduction in herbicide usage of approximately 9% and the introduction of one of the alternative treatment methods for a specific area, further work is required to identify other potential opportunities to expand their use.
- 7.2. The service is also of the view that, before further significant changes are implemented, it would be beneficial to see the outcomes of the Scottish Government led Weed Control survey and the “New National Action Plan on the Sustainable use of Pesticides” to ensure any potential changes to our service align with national strategies.
- 7.3. The Service would, therefore, propose that in 2022 it undertakes the following actions in relation to alternative methods and in preparation for the new legislation.
  - ◆ Continue to review how and where Glyphosate based products are applied targeting a further 10% reduction in 2022.
  - ◆ Investigate opportunities to expand use of hot foam alternative
  - ◆ Investigate opportunities to introduce Mankar Ultra Low Volume lance alternative in some areas
  - ◆ Continue to investigate alternative methods of control as a further two options were identified through attendance at APSE/Amenity Forum events, with demos planned for 2022.
  - ◆ Investigate an accurate method of evaluating the environmental impact of all options to allow comparison
  - ◆ Continue to participate in the amenity forum and work with colleagues in other authorities and APSE to implement best practice
  - ◆ Undertake consultation with residents of SLC with regards to agreeing at least one pilot herbicide free area to allow accurate evaluation of the impact and views of residents
  - ◆ Provide an update report on the impact of pilots/changes made in 2022 to a future meeting of this Committee

## **8. Employee Implications**

- 8.1. There are no employee implications based on this report, however some employees may be diverted from their current duties to support the ongoing trials.

## **9. Financial Implications**

- 9.1. There are no financial implications based on this report, however, the service may be required to fund additional costs during 2022 if it pilots further alternative products.
- 9.2. Depending on the final decision on how the Council will manage weeds, then there may be significant financial implications in the future.

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

- 10.1. Action 12 in the Council's Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan commits to the review of herbicide application and subsequent reduction in use.
- 10.2. Although there is an environmental benefit from the reduction in the use of herbicides, the findings from the trial of the alternative methods to date has identified the introduction of additional environmental impacts e.g., an extensive increase in the use of water in both the Hot Foam and Hot Water treatments, increased use of diesel-powered generators to heat the water and additional use of diesel vehicles to transport the plant and staff.



## **11. Other Implications**

11.1. There are no implications for risk in terms of the information contained within this report

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

12.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required

12.2. There is no requirement to undertake any consultation at this time in terms of the information contained in this report. However, as detailed proposals are developed, these will be subject to appropriate consultation arrangements.

**Alistair McKinnon**

**Interim Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

12 January 2022

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

- ◆ Improve the quality of life of everyone in South Lanarkshire
- ◆ Make communities safer, stronger and sustainable
- ◆ Improve health, care and wellbeing
- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality thriving and sustainable communities
- ◆ Improve the road network, influence improvements in public transport and encourage active travel

## **Previous References**

- ◆ Climate Change & Sustainability Committee 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – Pesticide Free Council Motion Update
- ◆ Climate Change & Sustainability Committee 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Pesticide Free Council Motion Update
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council Committee 16 December 2020 – Pesticide Free Council Motion

## **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

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## Appendix 1

Appendix 1 Comparison based on treating 1 Hectare 10,000m2			Environmental Impact				Financial Consequences	
Method Used	Appliance Method	Time taken	Chemical	New Equip	Fuel	Water used	Recurring	One Off
Glyphosate (Current method)	Quad Bike	5hrs (2 hrs 30 minutes x 2 visits) £137.20	10 Litres (5 Litres x 2 visits) £60.00	N/A £0.00	1.2 Litres (0.6 Litres petrol x 2 visits) £1.50	400 litres (200 litres x 2 visits) £0.00	£198.70	£0.00
Glyphosate (Current method)	Knapsack	10hrs (5 hrs x 2 visits) £274.40	10 Litres (5 Litres x 2 visits) £60.00	N/A £0.00	N/A £0.00	400 Litres (200 litres x 2 visits) £0.00	£334.40	£0.00
Hot Foam	Hot Foam application	280hrs (10 days x 7hrs x 4 visits) £7,683.20	160 litres (20 litre drum x 2 x 4 visits) £1,400	Foam Unit + trailer £23,000.00	200 (50 Litres deisel x 4 visits) £200.00	120000 litres (30,000 litres x 4 Visits) £0.00	£9,283.20	£23,000.00
Hot Steam	Hot Steam application	280hrs (10 days x 7hrs x 4 visits) £7,683.20	No Chemical £0.00	Foam Unit + trailer £23,000.00	200 (50 Litres deisel x 4 visits) £200.00	120000 litres (30,000 litres x 4 Visits) £0.00	£7,883.20	£23,000.00
New Way Spray	Knapsack	20hrs (5 hrs x 4 visits) £548.80	1000 Litres (250 Litres x 4 visits) £6,000	N/A £0.00	N/A £0.00	3000 Litres (750 litres x 4 visits) £0.00	£6,548.80	£0.00
Manquar ultra low volume	ultra low volume applicator	21hrs (1.5 days x 7 x 2 visits) £576.24	6 Litres (3 Litres x 2 visits) £40.00	Lances £600	N/A £0.00	No Water £0.00	£616.24	£600.00



# Report

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Report to: **Climate Change and Sustainability Committee**  
 Date of Meeting: **2 February 2022**  
 Report by: **Executive Directors (Community and Enterprise Resources) and (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

Subject: **Clyde Peatland Action**

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ◆ seek approval to host two posts on behalf of the City Region that will contribute to the restoration of damaged peatlands, locking up carbon contributing to Net Zero targets, and addressing a UK and Scottish priority habitat.
- ◆ seek approval to increase the Facilities Waste and Grounds Service establishment by the addition of two Peatland Officer posts for a fixed term period of 23 months, fully funded by NatureScot.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the proposal to increase the Facilities Waste and Grounds Service by the addition of 2 Peatland Officer posts for a 23-month fixed term period, as detailed in section 4 of this report, be approved.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The Climate and Ecological Emergencies have brought into sharp focus the key role that peatland restoration has to play in the drive for Net Zero, climate change adaption, and in arresting and reversing the decline of a priority wildlife habitat. Glasgow City Region has around 56,000ha of peatland, largely in upland areas that surround the Glasgow conurbation and the Clyde Valley. Around two thirds of that peatland is found in South Lanarkshire.
- 3.2. Degraded peatlands emit carbon, however, when brought into positive management they can lock up large amounts of carbon in relatively short timescales. Additionally, functioning peatlands can deliver Natural Flood Management to help deal with increased rainfall and the impact that has on downstream flooding.
- 3.3. Healthy peatlands are rich in biodiversity and home to an array of specialist flora and fauna. However, up to 80% of Scotland's peatland is degraded and is, therefore, deemed a priority habitat for restoration. Recent analysis on where to target peatland restoration to improve habitat connectivity for wildlife identified 85 locations across the City Region, 52 of which are in South Lanarkshire.
- 3.4. If peatland is to play a key role in the City Region's response to Climate Change, both in terms of contributing to Net Zero and adaptation, then action at scale is

required in the short term. While there is good work on peatland restoration happening across the country, and in the City Region, a step change in the scale and speed of delivery is required.

- 3.5. Currently the dedicated resource required to drive that change does not exist. In recognition of this, the GCV Green Network Partnership (GCVGNP) has secured approval from NatureScot's Peatland Action Team for two new fully funded Peatland Officer posts.

#### **4. Clyde Peatland Action**

- 4.1. Clyde Peatland Action is a new initiative, the aim of which is to bring about a step change in the rate and scale of peatland restoration across the Glasgow City Region. Delivery of this aim would make a significant contribution to reaching Scotland's net zero carbon target by 2045 and addressing the ecological crisis through positive management of a UK Biodiversity Action Plan priority habitat.
- 4.2. GCVGNP and NatureScot approached the Countryside and Greenspace Manager asking if South Lanarkshire Council would be willing to host the Peatland Officer posts on behalf of the wider City Region.
- 4.3. The proposal is for the creation of two officer posts with differing roles and remits. The initial focus of their work would be the development of an extensive programme of peatland restoration projects across the Glasgow City Region identifying quick wins. These would then be developed into a significant Peatland Action Fund delivery bid to deliver at scale.
- 4.4. The proposed remits as developed by GCVGNP and NatureScot are:

##### **Peatland Strategy and Restoration Officer Remit**

- ◆ Review previous analysis survey work
- ◆ Engage with key stakeholders, largely landowners and land managers in rural locations
- ◆ Develop a prioritised programme of restoration projects
- ◆ Develop bid to Peatland Action Fund (and other funders as appropriate)

##### **Peatland Community Officer Remit**

- ◆ Review data and survey work on lowland raised bogs
- ◆ Engage with local authority officers to identify key sites (circa 10 bogs)
- ◆ Develop programme of community engagement and restoration works
- ◆ Develop bid to Peatland Action Fund (and other funders as appropriate)

- 4.5. The posts would be fully funded including salary costs, employer's costs for NI and pension, along with travel and subsistence with the Council providing office accommodation and day to day line management of the officers. All workplans would be set by NatureScot.
- 4.6. Currently the funding offered by NatureScot is for a period of 23 months, therefore, the posts would be advertised as fixed term.

#### **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. The job descriptions have been developed by GCVGNP and NatureScot on behalf of the Glasgow City Region and have been approved by Personnel Services.

- 5.2. Interviews will be conducted in partnership with GCVGNP and NatureScot and although the staff will be managed through lead officers in these organisations, South Lanarkshire will host the posts and contribute office and day to day management services
- 5.3. It is proposed that the following are added to the establishment of the Facilities, Waste and Grounds Service for a 23-month fixed term period.

Post title	Number of posts	Grade / SCP	Hourly Rate	Annual salary (excluding on-costs)	Gross salary (including on-costs 30.3%)
Strategic Peatland Officer	1	Grade 3 level 2	£18.44-£18.97	£33,651 - £34,618	£43,847-£45,107
Community Peatland Officer	1	Grade 2 Level 2-3	£13.12£14.77	£23,942 - £26,953	£31,197 - £35,120
Total (23 months)				£68,986 - £118,011	£143,834 - £153,768

## 6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. These posts will be funded by the NatureScot via a Memorandum of Understanding.

## 7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. These findings will contribute to the delivery of the Council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy, and Biodiversity Strategy.

## 8. Other Implications

- 8.1. The Countryside and Greenspace Section will host these posts and agree a work programme with officers from GCVGNP and NatureScot.

## 9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required
- 9.2. There is no requirement to undertake any consultation at this time in terms of the information contained in this report.

**Alistair McKinnon**

**Interim Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

**Paul Manning**

**Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

12 January 2022

**Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives**

- ◆ Improve the quality of life of everyone in South Lanarkshire
- ◆ Make communities safer, stronger and sustainable
- ◆ Improve achievement, raise educational attainment and support lifelong learning
- ◆ Encourage participation in physical and cultural activities
- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities
- ◆ Improve achievement, raise educational attainment and support lifelong learning
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

**Previous References**

- ◆ None

**List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

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# Report

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Report to: **Climate Change and Sustainability Committee**  
 Date of Meeting: **2 February 2022**  
 Report by: **Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

Subject: **COVID-19 Memorial – Tree Planting**

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the paper is to: -

- ◆ Provide an update on the Covid 19 memorial tree planting project

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

(1) Note the contents of the report.

## 3. Background

3.1. As part of the 2021/2022 Revenue Budget approved on 24 February 2021, £300,000 was allocated to promote alternative food growing within the Council area, the Food Strategy Support Fund.

3.2. The Climate Change and Sustainability Committee, at its meeting on 25 August 2021, approved the planting of fruit trees in 13 locations across South Lanarkshire as a memorial to those who passed away due to COVID-19. The report indicated that, due to difficulties in sourcing trees, planting was unlikely to progress until 2022.

3.3. The proposal was deemed to be the most appropriate way to provide a memorial to local communities for reflection but would also contribute to wider community objectives and:-

- ◆ officially recognise those who have passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic on a local basis
- ◆ highlight the importance of tree planting for the environment and future generations
- ◆ increase the level of tree canopy cover in South Lanarkshire as well as the overall environmental, social and economic benefits tree planting brings and, therefore, carbon sequestration.
- ◆ complement the work of the Council's Biodiversity objectives by supporting a range of actions around increasing biodiversity as reported annually through the Council's Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan.
- ◆ link directly into the aims of the food growing strategy and action plan and will contribute to the annual report in terms of alternative food growing provision

#### **4. Planting of the Orchards**

- 4.1. Through working with the procurement team, Grounds Services managed to source 800 trees and these were delivered in late November.
- 4.2. As agreed in the previous Committee report Grounds Services:-
  - ◆ worked with local community groups to agree the most suitable areas for the trees to be planted within the 13 locations as identified in Appendix 1.
  - ◆ working with Corporate Communication, developed a press campaign for the orchard planting.
  - ◆ contacted local members and community groups were contacted to invite them to participate in the planting of the orchards.
  - ◆ arranged dates with all groups and local members for the planting of the orchards in December 2021
- 4.3. During discussions with local groups, two alternative locations were identified and trees were planted at these locations, these being
  - ◆ Biggar Burnbraes Park instead of Biggar Park
  - ◆ Lanark Moor instead of Lanark Loch
- 4.4. Ground Services will continue to monitor the sites during 2022 and ensure that, where required, any remedial work such as replacing tree guards or tree stakes is undertaken. It will take 1 to 2 seasons for these areas to get established and before communities start to see fruit. Prior to this, discussions will continue with food groups and local schools/communities in relation to the harvesting of the fruit.

#### **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. Although there are no additional employee implications with regard to this proposal, staff will be required to assist with co-ordination and harvesting of the fruit in the future.
- 5.2. Council officers on the Good Food Network and Food Growing Group will promote this proposal with a view of encouraging community involvement in the management of these areas.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. No further financial implications from this report.

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

- 7.1. This proposal will contribute to the implementation of the Food Growing Strategy and also directly contribute to the implementation of the Council Good Food Strategy.
- 7.2. It will also help to increase the proportion of tree canopy cover within South Lanarkshire and, therefore, carbon sequestration.

#### **8. Other Implications**

- 8.1. The Council has received a number of enquiries regarding whether a COVID-19 memorial would be created within South Lanarkshire. Although this project does not provide locations in every town/village it provides accessible areas across South Lanarkshire in defined areas, rather than informal memorials appearing across the Council area.

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

- 9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy nor recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

**Alistair McKinnon**

**Interim Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

12 January 2022

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

- ◆ Improve and maintain health and increase physical activity

### **List of background papers**

- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 25 August 2021 – COVID-19 Memorial – Tree Planting

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**District Parks**

	<b>Park</b>	<b>Location</b>
1	Overtoun Park	Rutherglen
2	Cambuslang Park	Cambuslang
3	Stonefield Park	Blantyre
4	Bothwell Road	Hamilton
5	Town Centre Park	East Kilbride
6	James Hamilton Heritage	East Kilbride
7	Alexander Hamilton	Stonehouse
8	Strathaven Park	Strathaven
9	Biggar Public Park	Biggar
10	Lanark Loch	Lanark
11	Castlebank Park	Lanark

**Country Parks**

1	Chatelherault Country Park	Hamilton
2	Calderglen Country Park	East Kilbride