



Council Offices, Almada Street
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Tuesday, 17 August 2021

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, 25 August 2021
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, Monique McAdams, Jim McGuigan, Gladys Miller, Lynne Nailon, David Shearer, Jim Wardhaugh, 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

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Urgent Business

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

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CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 26 May 2021

Chair:

Councillor John Ross

Councillors Present:

Councillor Alex Allison, Councillor John Anderson, Councillor John Bradley, Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Peter Craig, Councillor Isobel Dorman, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Allan Falconer, Councillor Lynsey Hamilton, Councillor Ian Harrow, Councillor Richard Lockhart, Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Hugh Macdonald (*substitute for Councillor Jim McGuigan*), Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor David Shearer, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh, Councillor Jared Wark, Councillor Josh Wilson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Stephanie Callaghan, Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Joe Lowe, Councillor Jim McGuigan

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

M McGlynn, Executive Director; L Carr, Amenity Services Manager; D Gibson, Fleet Manager, Land and Fleet Services; A McKinnon, Head of Facilities, Waste and Ground Services; J Richmond, Carbon Management Officer; C Waltho, Project Development 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

Housing and Technical Resources

D Lowe, Executive Director; J Read, Strategy Co-ordinator

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee held on 28 April 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

Councillor McAdams referred to Item 7 of the minute in relation to Air Quality in South Lanarkshire and requested clarification of the Council's position on replicating, throughout the South Lanarkshire area, a project undertaken by the local community group Grow 73, which piloted the use of pollution fighting plants. Officers undertook to investigate the matter and, where appropriate, to report back to a future meeting of the Committee

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

3 Food Growing Annual Report 2020/2021

A report dated 10 May 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Food Growing Annual Report 2020/2021.

In accordance with legislative requirements, the Council had produced a Food Growing Strategy covering the period 2020 to 2025. The Council was required to publish its Food Growing Annual Report as soon as reasonably practical after the end of each reporting year. The Annual Report required to incorporate mandatory information, outlined by the Scottish Government, as follows:-

- ◆ the location and size of each allotment site and the number of plotholders
- ◆ details of leased sites, including the duration of the lease and the rent payable
- ◆ the rent payable for each allotment in the authority area and the way in which fair rents were calculated
- ◆ waiting list numbers, including how many applicants had been on the list for over 5 years
- ◆ steps taken to comply with the duty imposed and reasons for failure to comply
- ◆ disability access and details of adjustments requested
- ◆ income and expenditure

The Annual Report for 2020/2021, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, was the first produced by the Council and detailed food growing activity and related financial information for the period April 2020 to March 2021.

Details were given on the key points covered in the 2020/2021 Annual Report.

The Annual Report would be published electronically as part of the food growing storyboard and an overview of the legislative requirements and the mandatory information required to comply with Scottish Government guidance would also be provided.

Officers responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that the Food Growing Annual Report 2020/2021 be approved and published in accordance with the Scottish Government's legislative requirements.

[Reference: Minutes of 4 November 2020 (Paragraph 5)]

4 Strategic Energy Review Update

A joint report dated 7 May 2021 by the Executive Directors (Housing and Technical Resources) and (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted providing an update on progress in relation to the Strategic Energy Review.

In July 2015, a Council wide Strategic Energy Review was commissioned to further enhance the Council's commitment to sustainability. The scope of the review was to consider the range of low and zero carbon (LZC) technologies available that would benefit the Council, both in relation to energy or carbon output reduction and associated savings. The review focused on the following LZC technology options:-

- ◆ district heating networks for high rise domestic dwellings
- ◆ solar PV
- ◆ wind turbine generators across the vacant and derelict land portfolio

At its meeting on 4 November 2020, the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee agreed that a further phase of the Strategic Energy Review be undertaken. A specialist consultant, Changeworks, was appointed to assist in the review. In addition to the workstreams set out in the report to the 4 November 2020 Committee meeting, the terms of reference for the review had subsequently been refined to include commentary on and analysis of the Council's existing plans and strategies relating to improving energy efficiency and the decarbonisation of its estate and assets. This included the:-

- ◆ Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy
- ◆ Carbon Management Plan
- ◆ Local Housing Strategy

Changeworks would consult with representatives of each Resource to provide comment and advice on actions currently being taken together with recommendations on areas where additional actions should be considered.

The initial and final reports on the review were anticipated in early July and 6 August 2021 respectively, following which a report would be submitted to the Committee.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 4 November 2020 (Paragraph 9)]

5 Scottish Government Energy Efficiency and Decarbonisation Consultations

A joint report dated 30 April 2021 by the Executive Directors (Housing and Technical Resources) and (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Council's consultation responses to the Scottish Government on the:-

- ◆ New Build Heat Standard
- ◆ Draft Heat in Buildings Strategy
- ◆ Net Zero Nation: Draft Public Engagement Strategy

As part of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019, the Scottish Government had set a target to reduce the country's emissions of all greenhouse gases to net zero by 2045, with interim targets requiring a 75% reduction by 2030 and 90% by 2040.

Since that target had been set, the Scottish Government had consulted on a number of new plans, standards and strategies which aimed to guide the national approach to achieving the target up to 2045.

Details were given on the consultation response summaries in relation to:-

- ◆ the proposed introduction of a New Build Heat Standard which would require all new buildings, both domestic and non-domestic, to have zero direct emission heating systems from 2024 onwards
- ◆ proposals for a draft Heat in Buildings Strategy which would outline the key steps that Scotland would take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from domestic buildings
- ◆ proposals for a Draft Public Engagement Strategy for engaging the people of Scotland in the transition to a net zero and climate ready nation

There followed a full discussion during which officers responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report. In response to an issue raised regarding the involvement of elected members in the consultation process, officers undertook, where possible, to circulate consultation documents to members to allow them to feed back their views prior to submission of responses to the relevant bodies.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

6 Fleet Decarbonisation Report

A report dated 7 May 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Fleet Decarbonisation report produced by the Energy Saving Trust for South Lanarkshire Council.

The Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2019/2020 stated the need to phase out petrol and diesel cars from the public sector fleet and phase out the need for any new petrol and diesel light commercial vehicles by 2025.

The Fleet Strategy, approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 24 June 2020, set out the way in which the Council aimed to embrace new technology within its fleet, support changes to working practices across the operational services and, through the replacement programme, work towards carbon reduction targets for the Council.

As part of the Switched-on-Fleets programme, the Energy Saving Trust produced a Fleet Decarbonisation Strategy for the Council based on key data on the existing fleet and the way in which services operated. The Executive Summary, Summary of Recommendations and terms and conditions were attached as an appendix to the Executive Director's report.

The Trust's recommended actions to the Council to further decarbonise its fleet included:-

- ◆ installing telematics in all vehicles to gather good quality data on vehicle use
- ◆ implementing a robust travel hierarchy which would reduce unnecessary journeys and encourage active travel, thereby encouraging people to avoid making journeys or to choose the mode of transport with the lowest CO2 emissions
- ◆ replacing all internal combustion engine (ICE) cars with zero emission vehicle (ZEV) alternatives at the next replacement cycle
- ◆ replacing all ICE light commercial vehicles (LCVs) with ZEV alternatives at the next replacement cycle
- ◆ downsizing fleet vehicles, where possible
- ◆ developing the financial plan for replacing all vehicles with ZEVs

Those actions were consistent with and supported the Fleet Strategy.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of the Executive Committee of 24 June 2020 (Paragraph 11)]

7 Green Heat in Greenspaces Study

A report dated 11 May 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the findings of the Green Heat in Greenspaces study.

The Green Heat in Greenspaces (GHiGS) project was established by Greenspace Scotland, together with ParkPower, a Scotland wide programme exploring the contribution of urban green and blue (waterway) spaces to support Scotland's ambitions to decarbonise its energy system, and Ramboll, a multidisciplinary engineering, design and consultancy company. The research aimed specifically to identify the potential to use ground source heat pump and water source heat pump technology to provide heating for local public buildings and to contribute to district heat networks.

The research was conducted over a 7 month period from August 2020 to March 2021 and aimed to supply data and custom reports to Core Partners, including South Lanarkshire Council, as detailed in the appendix to the report, as well as conducting a high level analysis of results for Scotland as a whole.

The potential of urban green and blue spaces was a key component in the Council's Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES). The assessment of green and blue spaces across the council area showed the most promising urban greenspace sites for closed loop ground source heat pumps and settlements which were likely to offer significant potential for water source heat pumps.

In terms of the most promising opportunities:-

- ◆ of the top 20 greenspace sites capable of delivering short term emissions savings, 9 were in Hamilton, 5 in Cambuslang/Rutherglen, 2 in East Kilbride, 1 in Lesmahagow and 1 in Biggar
- ◆ of the top 20 greenspace sites capable of delivering long term emissions savings, 8 were in Hamilton. 8 in East Kilbride, 3 in Cambuslang/Rutherglen and 1 in Lanark
- ◆ a ranking of settlements according to their suitability for river water source heat pump projects showed that Hamilton, Kirkfieldbank, Crossford and Lanark were principal settlements

The findings and prioritised sites would inform the Council's LHEES and the Open Space Strategy.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Report

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Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	25 August 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy Update – Quarter 4 2020/2021
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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 4 of 2020/2021.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the 2020/2021 Q4 position in respect of actions and measures within the Sustainable Development Strategy be 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 2020/2021 Q4 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 4 is as follows:

Total number of performance/ contextual measures		37
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	10 (27%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	1 (3%)
Status - Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target	3 (8%)
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	23 (62%)

4.3. The three red and one amber performance measures are all household waste and recycling measures. There has been slippage on these performance measures due to the knock-on effect from Covid19. Household waste increased during lockdown periods which led to higher contamination rates and higher residual waste tonnages. Waste recycling centres were closed during lockdown and when they did open the type of recycling was restricted to manage the operations at the sites. All resources were redeployed to front-line duties therefore there was no scope to carry out any other activities. It is anticipated that these performance measures will start to improve again as Covid restrictions are eased.

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

Total number of improvement actions		66
Status - Blue	Action Complete	1 (2%)
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	41 (62%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	10 (15%)
Status - Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target	13 (19%)
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	1 (2%)

4.5. All but three improvement actions that had minor or major slippage are a result of Covid-19 restrictions or resources reprioritised to continue service delivery during the pandemic. The table below provides details on the three improvement actions that had slippage but not related to Covid, and management action taken: -

Improvement Action	Measures	Management Action
Prepare an Open Space Strategy in	Draft strategy to be presented to Planning	There has been slippage on drafting the strategy as draft

partnership with Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership and other council services.	Committee for approval by March 2021 and thereafter be subject to public consultation Status at Q4: Amber	regulations for planning authorities on the preparation of Open Space Strategies (OSS) from the Scottish Government was not available prior to March 2021. To date the Scottish Government has not consulted on the draft regulations therefore it is difficult to set a new date for a draft of the OSS to be presented to the planning committee. This action has been carried forward to the 2021/2022 action plan.
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 retro fitting of appropriate technology in existing buildings	Supporting Planning Guidance to be presented to committee for approval by March 2021 and thereafter be subject to public consultation. Awareness sessions to be developed for planning officers and developers/agents to ensure roll out guidance in 2021/022 Status at Q4: Amber	The development of the supporting planning guidance will be required to take account of emerging national planning policy. The Scottish Government originally intended to consult on a draft version of National Planning Framework 4 in September 2020 but this has been delayed due to the pandemic and the timescale for consultation has been delayed until Autumn 2021 with approval anticipated for June 2022. This action has been carried forward to the 2021-22 action plan.
Explore options for innovative and affordable low carbon energy and heating solutions in local areas that will contribute towards national climate change ambitions	During 2020/2021 develop and propose a Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) in line with the Scottish Governments pilot programme Status at Q4: Amber	Work in the preparation of developing a full LHEES for the Council has continued during 2020/2021, however the development of the strategy has not been able to progress further until the guidance on LHEES is provided from the Scottish Government. It was anticipated that this would have been issued during 2020/2021. Preparation work will still continue during 2021/2022 and once the guidance has been received the work to develop the actual strategy will commence.

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

- ◆ the Council reduced its vehicle emissions by 28% compared to the previous year. The reduction must be taken in context as Covid-19 resulted in fewer vehicle journeys being made in the last year than would normally be the case. It is nevertheless a positive outcome and Fleet Services will continue to work with Resources to reduce vehicle use and emissions in 2021/2022
- ◆ the Council is sending less residual waste to landfill as the use of energy from waste becomes an alternative to landfill. During the calendar year 2020, the Council sent less than 10% of its residual waste to landfill which is well below the current 25.2% target.
- ◆ there was a 188% increase on the uptake for the cycle to work scheme for 2020 compared to the previous year. The scheme was launched in June which was during lockdown where the nation witnessed more taking to active travel and enjoying the outdoors for health and wellbeing. We have also seen an increase in people using electric bikes; 30% of the applications for the 2020 scheme were for electric bikes.
- ◆ a refreshed walking and cycling campaign was launched with a 'think what you could get done if you leave the car at home' theme to support uptake of more active and sustainable travel
- ◆ the launch of Glasgow city region's first climate adaptation strategy and action plan, of which the Council was fully involved in its development, was approved by the Executive Committee
- ◆ despite Covid restrictions, the Countryside and Greenspace Team were still able to provide support to volunteer groups which resulted in an impressive 2,380 volunteer days being recorded. A survey was conducted with individuals who took part in environmental volunteering, with 100% of respondents having expressed a positive experience/health benefits from participating in environmental volunteering
- ◆ Milton Tile Works, a proposed Local Nature Reserve in Carluke which includes Vacant and Derelict Land (VDL), has been rejuvenated as an accessible greenspace, led by Economic Development Services. Three sites were removed from the VDL register in 2020 due to naturalisation, these were the banks of the Clyde at Shawfield, Glasgow Road in Blantyre and Carlisle Road in Larkhall
- ◆ new woodland creation at Chatelherault has contributed to the initiation of the Clyde Climate Forest with the planting of 120 trees consisting of oak, sycamore and beech in March 2021
- ◆ Helping Hands for Butterflies is a partnership project with Butterfly Conservation Scotland to create new habitats for butterflies in urban places which includes three sites in South Lanarkshire. Relaxation of restrictions in summer 2020 allowed for some sowing and planting events with individuals or small family groups, and training sessions and awareness raising continued in the form of online video.

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.

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. Failure to meet the Council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change objectives, as per the strategy, is one of the Council's top risks.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. An equality impact assessment was carried out on the sustainable development and climate change strategy and has undergone public consultation and been through the Strategic Environmental Assessment process
- 9.2. Public and stakeholder consultation on the sustainable development and climate change strategy were undertaken.

Michael McGlynn

Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

4 August 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

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

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee - 6 December 2017 - '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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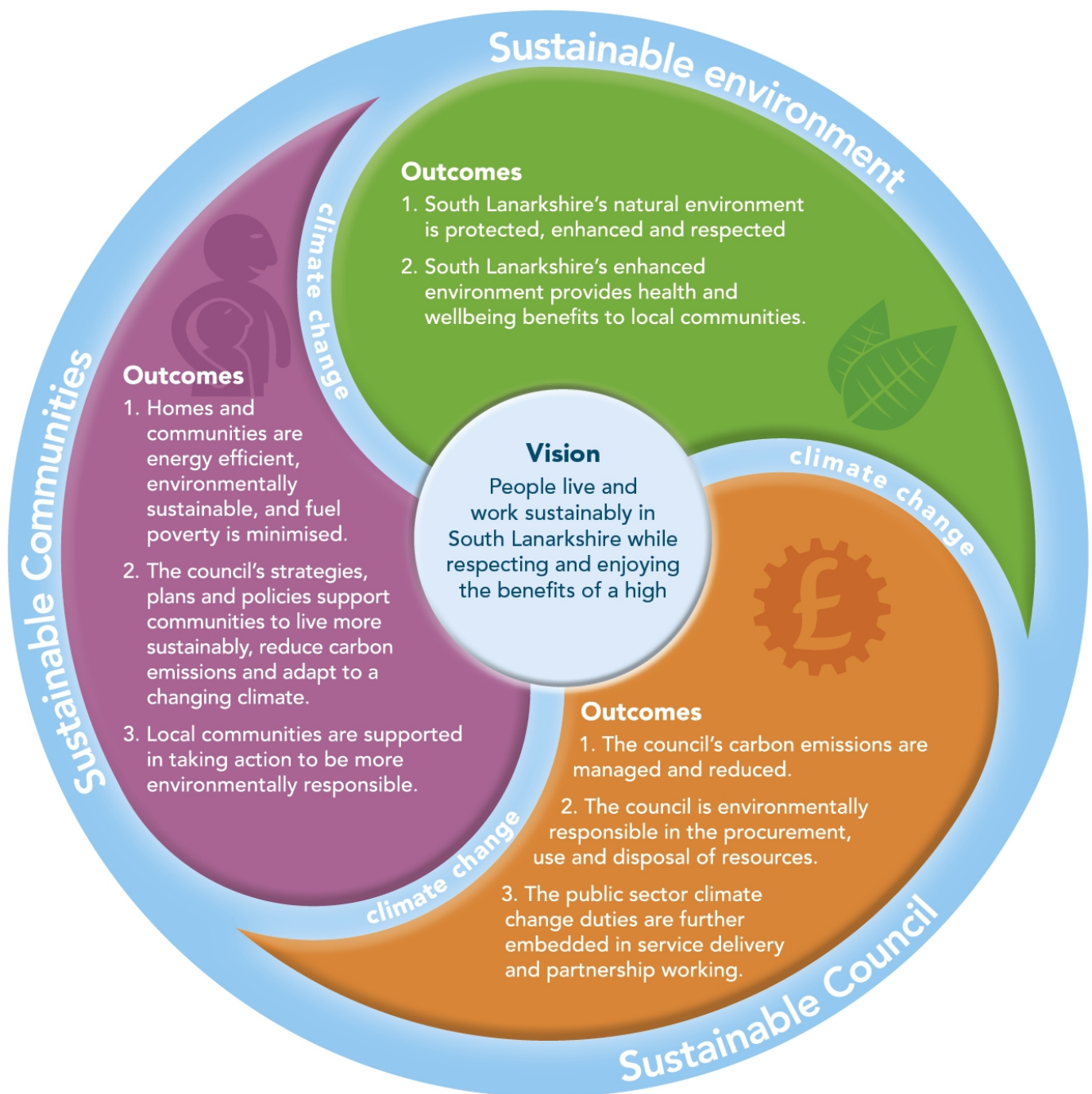
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Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022

Performance Report Quarter 4 : 2020/21 - April to March






























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



Sustainable Development Goals

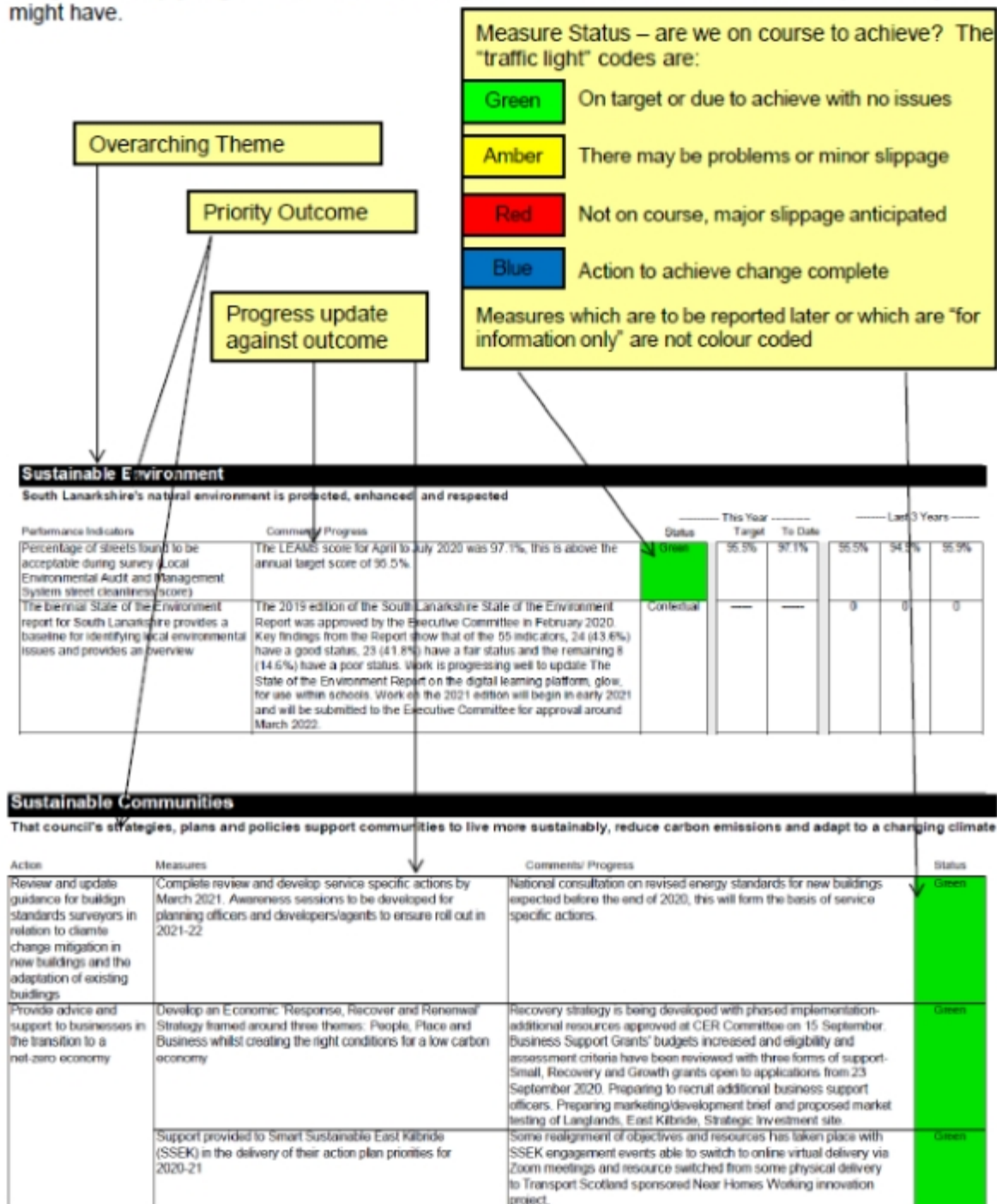
The United Nations has set a series of [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs). These are 'global goals' and targets that are part of an internationally agreed performance framework. All countries are aiming to achieve these goals by 2030. They address the global challenges, including poverty, inequality, 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
Sustainable Council	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	      
Sustainable Environment	South Lanarkshire's high-quality natural environment and public spaces provides essential services and shared benefits for people and wildlife	     
Sustainable Communities	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

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 Sustainable Development Theme

Sustainable Development Theme	Green	Amber	Red	Report later / Contextual	Total
Sustainable Council	4			10	14
Sustainable Environment	2			3	5
Sustainable Communities	4	1	3	10	18
Total	10	1	3	23	37

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	1	15	1	9	1	27
Sustainable Environment		14	4			18
Sustainable Communities		12	5	4		21
Total	1	41	10	13	1	66

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	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Percentage reduction in the Council's carbon footprint by 10% by March 2021 (Current target was set in 2015-16)	The final carbon emissions total for 2020-21 will be reported around August 2021. Year end data needs to be collated from utilities bills etc. which often has a three month time lag. The interim carbon emissions position for the first 3-4 months of 2020-21 has shown that gas and electricity use in our buildings has reduced, emissions from waste, fleet and staff travel has reduced and emissions from street lighting has increased very slightly.	Report Later	10.0%	-----	5.1%	16.7%	44.0%
Overall percentage reduction in the Council's carbon footprint compared to Scotland's nation target of 75% reduction by 2030 (based on 1990 levels)	The final carbon management position for 2020-21 will be reported in August 2021. Up to March 2020 the Council's carbon footprint had reduced by 57% compared with a baseline of 2005-06. As Council data is not available back to the national targets baseline year of 1990, an assumption that our carbon emissions may have reduced by an average of 1% per year from 1990 to 2005, thereby reporting likely reduction as 72%. This brings the Council well within the target of 75% by 2030. Further reductions are expected in 2020-21 and plans to reduce by up to 5% are in place for 2021-22.	Green	54.0%	71.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Percentage reduction in the Council's carbon footprint for 2020-21 compared to previous year	The final carbon management position for 2020-21 will be reported in August 2021 but it is expected that reductions will have been achieved.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Overall percentage reduction in the Council's carbon footprint since the Council's original baseline of 2005-06	The final carbon management position for 2020-21 will be reported in August 2021 but emissions reduced by 57% in March 2020 compared with the baseline year of 2005-06. Early indications for 2020-21 are that further reductions will be achieved.	Green	-----	56.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Percentage reduction in energy consumption across the Council's estate for 2020-21 compared to 2013-14 baseline year	The reason the year to date is 0 is because there is a Strategic Energy Review underway and this will address how we are going to achieve the 70% target by 2032.	Report Later	70.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Percentage of non-domestic buildings that are heated through low/zero carbon technologies	The reason the year to date is 0 is because there is a Strategic Energy Review underway and this will address how we are going to achieve the 70% target by 2032.	Report Later	70.0%	0.0%	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 four is 24% of the small van and car fleet is electric.	Contextual	-----	24.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Council

The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/
Reduce vehicle emissions in 2020-21 against the baseline of 2014-15	The 28% reduction in vehicle emissions has to be taken in context as Covid-19 resulted in fewer vehicle journeys being made in the last year than would normally be the case. It is nevertheless a positive outcome and Fleet Services will continue to work with Resources to reduce vehicle use and emissions in 2021-22.	Green	10.0%	28.0%	10.5%	14.0%	12.9%

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	2017/18	2018/19	2019/
Percentage reduction in the procurement of single-use plastic items across the Council compared to the baseline year of 2018-19	An analysis of the procurement of single-use items was not carried out in 2020-21. This is because the baseline data focuses on catering supplies but most of our catering facilities have been shut throughout the year due to Covid restrictions. There has also been an unprecedented increase in single use PPE due to Covid and so reports will have to be amended to include these items. This measure will be reported in 2021-22.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
At least 20% of the total value of materials derive from recycled and reused content	20% achieved, on target.	Green	20.0%	-----	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	2017/18	2018/19	2019/
Self-evaluation results using Climate Change Assessment Tool	Self-evaluation using the CCAT tool was carried out at year end. Progress has been made in 3 of the 5 categories (Governance, Behaviour, and Adaptation). No change to the Emissions or Procurement categories.	Contextual	-----	-----	0	0	0

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

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Carbon emission in tonnage for South Lanarkshire (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure is measured in kt CO2. The source is from datasets for all local authority areas published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on 25th June 2020. The dataset used is subset dataset: Local Authority territorial CO2 emissions estimates within the scope of influence of Local Authorities 2005-2018(Excludes large industrial sites, railways, motorways and land-use). The figures have a 2-year lag so are estimates from 2018	Contextual	-----	1,266.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Percentage reduction on area-wide emissions compared to previous year (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	The source is from datasets for all local authority areas published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on 25th June 2020. The dataset used is subset dataset: Local Authority territorial CO2 emissions estimates within the scope of influence of Local Authorities 2005-2018(Excludes large industrial sites, railways, motorways and land-use). The figures have a 2-year lag so are estimates from 2018	Contextual	-----	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Per capita figure for carbon emissions in South Lanarkshire compared to the Scottish per capita figure (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	South Lanarkshire's carbon emissions per capita is below the Scottish total of 4.9kt CO2 This figure is measured in kt CO2. The source is from datasets for all local authority areas published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on 25th June 2020. The dataset used is subset dataset: Local Authority territorial CO2 emissions estimates within the scope of influence of Local Authorities 2005-2018(Excludes large industrial sites, railways, motorways and land-use). The figures have a 2-year lag so are estimates from 2018	Contextual	-----	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Percentage of streets found to be acceptable during survey (Local Environmental Audit and Management System street cleanliness score)	<p>This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2020-21 information will not be available until January 2022.</p> <p>Generally South Lanarkshire Council scores higher for its street cleansing service than the Scottish average, with 94.8% of streets surveyed found to be of an acceptable standard during 2019-20. This cleanliness score places South Lanarkshire Council 10th of the 31 participating local authorities. Although this is slightly down on the 2018-19 figure, it is higher than both the national and family group averages. Final validation score to be completed by Keep Scotland Beautiful in April, once complete this score will be added to our internal audits to provide overall score for the year.</p>	Report Later	95.5%	-----	95.5%	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	Work on the 2021 edition of the Report has begun and will largely contain updated data and analysis to end March 2021. It is expected that the final Report will be considered at the appropriate Committee in November/December 2021. The current 2019 edition is available on the Council's website.	Report Later	-----	-----	0	0	0
Number of Local Nature Reserves declared	<p>This action is in progress with 16 new LNRs and 1 extension identified, and steps toward their designation in progress. Formal adoption of the Council LDP has allowed a tentative Committee date to be assigned for LNR designation in late 2021.</p> <p>Considerable progress is being made on management statements, NatureScot consultations and community development/environmental volunteering activities.</p>	Green	-----	2,020	0	0	0

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Environment

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/
Proportion of LNRs with active community management groups	<p>Of 16 new and one existing p/LNRS, the majority have volunteer groups/work being carried out, but do not have constituted groups associated with them yet.</p> <p>9 sites (52.9%) have formally constituted community groups: Cadzow Glen, Hamilton; Fernbrae Meadows; Greenhall, Millheugh and Barnhill, Blantyre, Holmhills Wood Community Park, Cambuslang; Langlands Moss, East Kilbride; Morgan Glen, Larkhall; Neilsland and Earnock Community Wood, Hamilton; Stonehouse Park, Stonehouse; Udston and Glenlee Woods, Hamilton.</p>	Green	-----	2,020 .00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/
Percentage of adults satisfied with parks and open spaces (results from Scottish Household Survey)	<p>This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2020-21 information will not be available until January 2022.</p> <p>In 2019-20 the service achieved a rating of 77.1%, which is a slight reduction on the previous year's figure and below the Scottish national average.</p> <p>Work will be undertaken to investigate the extent of the survey including numbers and profile of those surveyed in order to understand best how our performance has reduced.</p>	Report Later	77.1%	-----	80.3%	80.4%	77.1%

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

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	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Percentage of Council dwellings that are meeting the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH) by 31st March 2021	The year end figure of 93.88% exceeds the expected compliance rate.	Green	93.40%	93.88%	89.40%	91.10%	93.39%
Housing carbon emissions in tonnage for South Lanarkshire (figures from BEIS with a 2-year-lag)	This figure is measured in kt CO2. The source is from datasets for all local authority areas published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on 25th June 2020. The dataset used is subset dataset: Local Authority territorial CO2 emissions estimates within the scope of influence of Local Authorities 2005-2018(Excludes large industrial sites, railways, motorways and land-use). The figures have a 2-year lag so are estimates from 2018	Contextual	-----	535.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Percentage reduction on housing area-wide emissions compared to previous year (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure is measured in kt CO2. The source is from datasets for all local authority areas published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on 25th June 2020. The dataset used is subset dataset: Local Authority territorial CO2 emissions estimates within the scope of influence of Local Authorities 2005-2018(Excludes large industrial sites, railways, motorways and land-use). The figures have a 2-year lag so are estimates from 2018	Contextual	-----	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

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	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Fuel poverty percentage in South Lanarkshire	<p>22% of all households and 17% of families in South Lanarkshire are estimated to be affected by fuel poverty according to the Scottish Household Condition Survey (2017-2019).</p> <p>Whilst this is slightly below the national average of 24%, it is clear that further work is required by all partners to ensure households impacted by fuel poverty are supported to access the right financial support and advice, alongside ongoing works to improve homes and heating systems.</p> <p>The Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019 sets a national target for 2040, where no more than 5% of households are in fuel poverty, and no more than 1% of households are in extreme fuel poverty. There are also interim targets set for 2030 and 2035.</p> <p>There are no local targets as such, but the aim is to reduce the number of households estimated to be in fuel poverty.</p>	Contextual	-----	22.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%

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	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Percentage of total household waste that is recycled	The household recycling figure was previously reported on a financial year basis but are now reporting on a calendar year as this reflects the Scottish Government Target. It will also allow us to report the previous calendar year's figure (provisionally – subject to audit from SEPA) at the end of the financial year (there's a min 3 month reporting delay for waste data). SEPA usually complete the audit and publish the results for all local authorities at the end of the following calendar year so for 2020 figures the results aren't usually published until the end of 2022. The pandemic and the various lockdowns that resulted from it, caused a significant increase in the amount of household waste generated. As people worked from home, the waste that would normally have gone into commercial bins (offices, schools, hospitality etc) went in to domestic bins instead. The increase in waste being generated, coupled with suspension of services including the bulk uplift service; the 'on request' garden waste service as well of the closure of HWRCs (from mid-March until 1 June) meant residents had additional waste that they couldn't dispose of in their black bin. This caused high levels of contamination in recycling collections. When the HWRCs did reopen, only limited waste types were accepted at first and this impacted on the overall recycling performance of the sites.	Amber	50.00%	42.00%	47.29%	44.30%	46.40%
Percentage of material accepted by the council's paper and card processor	Figure for Oct-Dec 2020 was 91.3%. The year to date figure is lower than 2019-20 because householders are producing more waste during lockdown. This has led to increased contamination rates across all waste streams and higher residual waste tonnages.	Red	97.0%	94.1%	-----	-----	97.0%
Percentage of household waste recycled at the council's household waste and recycling centres	The figure is lower than in previous years for three main reasons: households produced significantly more waste during lockdown - most of this was non-recyclable; sites were closed at the start of the first lockdown from end of March 2020 to the start of June 2020, and this is the time when the most recyclable garden waste is brought into the sites; and lastly when the sites did open in June we had to restrict the types of material that could be brought in so we could control demand for the sites.	Red	64.5%	63.3%	-----	-----	64.5%

Sustainable Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Percentage of household waste sent to landfill in 2020	The council is sending less residual waste to landfill as the use of energy from waste becomes an alternative to landfill. Performance against this measure is reported one quarter in arrears. Currently on track to be below the 25.2% target.	Green	25.2%	9.7%	-----	-----	-----
% of household using food caddies to dispose food waste	The study to determine the share of households using food caddies could not be carried out due to the pandemic. All available resources were redeployed to front-line collection services to enable them to continue as scheduled.	Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
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	0

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Percentage of adults travelling to work or education by active or public transport (Scottish Household Survey)	<p>Note no figures are available for the percentage of adults traveling to education by active or public transport.</p> <p>Percentage of adults traveling to work is taken from the annual Household Survey data. Note the figure for 2020 are not available at this time.</p> <p>In 2019, 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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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	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Percentage mode share of children travelling to school by active or public transport (annual national 'Hands Up' survey)	<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Nationally in 2020 and 2019 these figures were 65.3% and 63.8% showing a 1.5% increase.</p> <p>*Note that figures for 2020 are provisional. Final data is due for release June 2021.</p>	Green	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Carbon emissions tonnage for transport emissions in South Lanarkshire (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	<p>South Lanarkshire's carbon emissions per capita is below the Scottish total of 4.9kt CO2</p> <p>This figure is measured in kt CO2. The source is from datasets for all local authority areas published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on 25th June 2020. The dataset used is subset dataset: Local Authority territorial CO2 emissions estimates within the scope of influence of Local Authorities 2005-2018(Excludes large industrial sites, railways, motorways and land-use). The figures have a 2-year lag so are estimates from 2018</p>	Contextual	-----	364.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Percentage reduction in carbon emissions from transport compared to previous year (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	<p>This figure is measured in kt CO2. The source is from datasets for all local authority areas published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on 25th June 2020. The dataset used is subset dataset: Local Authority territorial CO2 emissions estimates within the scope of influence of Local Authorities 2005-2018(Excludes large industrial sites, railways, motorways and land-use). The figures have a 2-year lag so are estimates from 2018</p>	Contextual	-----	4.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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	2017/18	2018/19	2019/
Carbon emission tonnage for industry in South Lanarkshire (figures from BEIS with a 2-year lag)	This figure is measured in kt CO2. The source is from datasets for all local authority areas published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on 25th June 2020. The dataset used is subset dataset: Local Authority territorial CO2 emissions estimates within the scope of influence of Local Authorities 2005-2018(Excludes large industrial sites, railways, motorways and land-use). The figures have a 2-year lag so are estimates from 2018	Contextual	-----	367.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Percentage reduction in carbon emissions from industry in South Lanarkshire (figures from BEIS)	The source is from datasets for all local authority areas published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on 25th June 2020. The dataset used is subset dataset: Local Authority territorial CO2 emissions estimates within the scope of influence of Local Authorities 2005-2018(Excludes large industrial sites, railways, motorways and land-use). The figures have a 2-year lag so are estimates from 2018	Contextual	-----	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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	2017/18	2018/19	2019/
Percentage of schools actively engaged with the eco-schools programme	Due to other priorities like home-learning, pupil isolation and recovery activities resulting from the pandemic it has been difficult to ascertain the exact percentage of education establishments actively engaged in eco-schools during 2020-21. At the end of the school year there were 69 schools and early years establishments with a green flag status.	Report Later	-----	-----	0.0%	0.0%	-----
Number of volunteer days from the Environmental Volunteering programme across South Lanarkshrie during 2020-21	Covid-19 restrictions severely curtailed Countryside and Greenspace serviced volunteer groups from operating throughout the year. Locally based management/"friends of" groups continued to function, through social media and online meetings. Some clean-ups and management activities were achieved outside of the lockdown periods, during quarter two and quarter three. This resulted in an impressive 2,380 volunteer days being recorded, despite all the Covid-19 restrictions.	Green	2,000	2,380	3,090	1,743	8,221

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
Further implement the Carbon Management Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from council services (buildings, waste, transport etc.)	Review of Carbon Management Plan update by March 2021	The publication of the Carbon Management Plan will be incorporated into the work of developing the Council's new Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy which covers the period 2022 - 2027. A one year carbon reduction target of 5% has been set for 2021-22 and longer term targets will be agreed and published with the new Carbon Management Plan in March 2022.	Green
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 2021	It was agreed at the Corporate Management Team meeting on 25 February 2021 that a one year reduction target of 5% would be set for 2021-22 compared with 2020-21. Long term reduction targets will be set as part of the development of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022-27.	Green
Continue to implement energy efficiency measures across council facilities including investment in renewable energy solutions and low/zero-carbon heating	Projects delivered as part of the CEEF programme during 2020-21	A number of projects have been delayed due to restrictions on working practices arising from Covid-19.	Amber
	Agree a strategy for the transition of non-domestic buildings to low/zero carbon heating	A consultant has now been appointed with a view to assisting in the development of a strategy for the transition of non-domestic buildings to low/zero carbon heating.	Green

Sustainable Council

The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Deliver at least 10% reduction in vehicle emissions by March 2021 in accordance with the Council's carbon reduction target	All council Resources will work with Fleet Services to implement the identified actions/initiatives from year one of the council's five-year Fleet Strategy (2020-2025)	Progress against this measure has been limited and difficult to capture as Covid-19 restricted the opportunity to engage with Resource/Service reps on a regular basis. Nevertheless, the 10% reduction target has been exceeded and it is anticipated that 2021-22 will offer increased opportunity to implement the actions and initiatives detailed in years one and two of the Council's five-year Fleet Strategy.	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 Scheme launched June 2020 with an increase in number of applications with 30% of applications being for electric bikes. Paths For All Challenge communicated to Staff October 2020. Sustrans Workplace Journey challenge postponed in 2020 replaced with #Active Commute Club which was communicated to all staff via the intranet.	Green
	Improve current cycling facilities during 2020-21	The constraints in working practices during Covid19 prevented physical improvements being made to current cycling facilities. Brandon Gate in Hamilton is however in the process of being designated a Cycle Friendly location. It is anticipated that physical improvements may be made during 2021 -2022.	Red
	Develop case study examples from the 'Cycle to Work' Scheme on the impact this scheme has had on staff engaging in active travel	As majority of employees have been engaged in home working, case studies have been largely prevented from being developed. This will however be taken forwards once employees have returned to normal work practices. It is intended to undertake a general survey of employees who used Cycle to Work, to determine if cycling activities have increased during the pandemic and what impact this will have going forward.	Red

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
Continue to develop procurement processes to improve environmental outcomes and ensure compliance with the council's sustainable procurement duty	Provide training to staff on the flexible framework and prioritisation tools	The Procurement Team were trained in the Scottish Government's Sustainable Toolkit in December 2020	Green
	Update Sourcing Strategy to further embed sustainability measures from evaluation to contract management	Due to Covid 19 priorities, the review of the Sourcing Strategy has been carried forward to 2021/2022	Red
	Using the prioritisation tool undertake prioritisation assessments for construction, social care and information technology categories	Due to Covid 19 priorities, the development of category strategies and associated prioritisation assessments have been carried forward to 2021/2022	Red
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	Work started on promoting the 'Cup Movement' within Council coffee shops and cafes but this was halted due to facility closures following Covid restrictions. Work with the promotion of a local deposit return scheme being introduced in local supermarkets was also put on hold due to the restrictions. Details of new regulations for the use and sale of single use plastics was shared with employees and local residents in March 2021.	Green
	Initiatives implemented during 2020-21 to recycle more within Council workplaces	The majority of Council staff have been working from home during the pandemic, meaning less waste produced in council workplaces with most refuse collection services cancelled or severely reduced. Initiatives will be restarted when normal working practices are resumed	Red

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	Due to potential Covid contamination issues with a re-use scheme plans for developing this have been on hold until restrictions are adequately eased.	Red
	Involvement in national campaigns promoting the circular economy	Many local and national campaigns have been supported throughout 2020-21 such as Earth Hour, Zero Waste Scotland Recycle Week, Cycle to Work scheme. All campaigns promote resource efficiency and responsible environmental behaviour. Home Energy Scotland have supported the Council throughout the year by offering advice and competitions for employees and local residents. A series of online workshops took place in December 2020 on the topics: Love Food Hate Waste and Helping You Save Energy at Home. Over 50 employees attended the workshops that were held over 4 days with very positive feedback from all.	Green
Establish further baselines for performance measures to demonstrate 'The Council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources'	Investigate how to measure and manage emissions from the Council's supply chain	Discussions with Zero Waste Scotland have taken place with a view to developing a toolkit to help organisations establish a baseline of emissions from a number of procurement activities, such as furniture and IT purchases. Plans are at an early stage. Discussions are also underway with Sustainable Scotland Network who are also looking to assist organisations with these calculations. Given the intricacies of gathering data and assigning a carbon factor to such a wide supply chain this will be considered in the development of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy action plan which will be finalised by March 2022.	Green
	Investigate tools to measure the Council's progress in the transition to a circular economy	No progress has been made on this action during 20-21 due to capacity issues as a result of Covid. This action will be carried forward to 21-22	Red

Sustainable Council

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Implement the Council's sustainable development and climate change strategy and action plan to meet agreed outcomes	Start the review of the strategy and action plan and progress during 2020-21 as per the timetable approved by committee	The development of the next strategy is well underway with an internal workshop undertaken in February and the SEA process commenced. The next stage of development is engagement sessions in the form of focus groups held with communities and community groups, the voluntary sector, business sector and CPP.	Green
	Identify and establish project review groups to lead on action to meet the Council's sustainable development and climate change outcomes	The Council currently has two project review groups; the strategic energy review and the food procurement group. Progress on each group is provided to the steering group.	Green
Continued collaborative approach to climate adaptation for the city	Progress on the development of a region-wide climate adaptation strategy and action plan through the Climate Ready Clyde partnership	The regional adaptation strategy and action plan was approved by the regional cabinet on the 1st June.	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
region's through the Climate Ready Clyde Partnership	Climate Ready Clyde initiatives delivered during 2020-21	<p>The main work has been on finalising the development of the theory of change, the strategy and SEA process.</p> <p>The latest initiative is a project called Clyde Rebuilt. The project is co-funded by Climate Ready Clyde and EIT Climate-KIC, and managed by Sniffer. Clyde Rebuilt is part of EIT Climate-KIC's "Resilient Regions", a programme that aims to help representatives from affected regions in Europe come up with concrete and connected projects to prepare for, recover from, and adapt to the impacts of climate change. In Glasgow City Region, Climate Ready Clyde and EIT Climate-KIC are now identifying a first set of projects, scheduled between 2021 and 2023, and are planning to use the success of this approach to attract support to extend the programme to 2030.</p> <p>Clyde Rebuilt will bring together community groups, local councils, universities, businesses, government agencies and other bodies. They will collaborate to identify a range of joined-up actions that can change the way the region's society, economy and environment operate together, making them stronger as the effects of climate change become ever more apparent</p>	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
	Progress on the Clyde Re:Built - Climate KIC's deep demonstration project - during 2020-21	<p>Clyde Rebuilt is part of EIT Climate-KIC "Deep Demonstration Resilient Regions" programme along with Andalusia in Spain, Nouvelle Aquitaine in France and the Dolomites area in Italy, three European regions that are also at risk from the impact of climate change.</p> <p>Clyde Rebuilt was an innovative project in which representatives from across the region jointly develop interconnected projects for adapting to these climate change challenges by 2030.</p> <p>Engagement with City Region stakeholders took place to explore their experiences and gather a diverse set of ideas that can potentially help to overcome the barriers to adaptation. A deeper dive was undertaken on some of the suggestions and innovative solutions identified. The findings of this project will be included in the strategy and action plan</p>	Complete
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	A draft report has been prepared and will be considered at the Executive Committee meeting on 26 May 2021.	Green
Maximise funding to further deliver the Council's climate change duties (mitigate, adapt and act sustainably) across the Council and wider area	Detail of funding bids granted to enable climate change mitigation and adaptation projects to be progressed	This exercise to gather this information has not progressed as yet due capacity with the funding team as a result of priority funding bids to prepare for through the levelling up fund and shared prosperity fund. This exercise will carry forward into the final year of the strategy 2021-22	Red

Sustainable Council

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Prepare for changes being introduced in the annual climate change statutory reporting from 2022	Establish a process for aligning and reporting spend against the Council's carbon reduction targets and mitigating climate risks	Council climate change targets have not yet been set. CMT approved that targets would be reviewed along with the development of the sustainable development and climate change strategy which will be developed by March 2022. The strategic energy review will help to shape the new targets.	Report Later
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	Examples of the Council's involvement in collaborative approaches to further reduce area-wide emissions and mitigate climate risks	A workshop held with the voluntary sector in conjunction with VASLAN exploring how the Council and the voluntary sector can work closer together in tackling climate change in South Lanarkshire. This workshop is part of a series of workshops and focus groups as part of the development of the next sustainable development and climate change strategy	Green
	Investigate the potential of establishing a South Lanarkshire Climate Change Charter/Statement to allow businesses to sign up to	Work has not commenced on this action during 2020-21 as Covid and the recovery from the effects of Covid has been the main priority for businesses. This action will be carried forward to 2021-22 action plan.	Red

Sustainable Environment

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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	A timeline for the development of the Litter Strategy was presented at the Climate Change & Sustainability Committee in February 2021. Although the strategy has been delayed because of Covid-19, elements are currently being progressed. These include increasing the social media presence on litter and fly tipping prevention, working with Zero Waste Scotland to map all of our fly tipping instances. Launch of our litter campaign "Eejit" aimed at our parks and open spaces, and mapping public litter bins to understand what infrastructure and capacity we have in areas. The litter strategy officer has also been attending online meetings and networking with national bodies and organisations including APSE, Keep Scotland Beautiful and Zero Waste Scotland to gain a greater understanding of the national picture and best practice.	Green

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	Implement projects identified within the Air Quality Action Plan for 2020-21 which contributes to improving air quality in South Lanarkshire	<p>Applications for air quality funding were submitted to Scottish Government in March 2021. This funding aims to support the on-going monitoring and assessment of air quality in South Lanarkshire as well as supporting action plan measures to improve air quality.</p> <p>A refreshed walking and cycling campaign has been launched with a 'think what you could get done if you leave the car at home' theme to support uptake of more active and sustainable travel. The refreshed campaign is initially focusing on the East Kilbride area to compliment the cycle and walking infrastructure investment currently on-going. This campaign will be expanded to other parts of South Lanarkshire subject to funding being made available.</p> <p>The Beat the Street Hamilton and Blantyre project launched on 17 March 2021 with the game phase due to be completed by 28 April 2021. A teaching resource pack to support air quality and active travel school workshops is being finalised with a view to the resource being piloted at the start of the 2021-22 school year. A 'Lanark on the Move' project is due to be launched when schools return after the spring break which aims to encourage uptake of walking and cycling around Lanark. This resource has been developed by SLLC Active Schools officers with grant funding support from air quality funds.</p>	Green

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	Implement the Contaminated Land Strategy for South Lanarkshire	Work continues on the implementation of the Contaminated Land Strategy. Remediation works within the Clyde Gateway area are on-going. The development control process continues to consider sites affected by historical contamination. Examples of this include the Food Growing Site proposed by Grow 73 for the Rutherglen area, as well as the re-development of the Signify (Philips Lighting) factory site in Hamilton.	Green
	Implement projects approved within the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund framework (as per fudnign agreed with Scottish Government)	Implementation of physical projects has been subject to delays due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Projects associated with Clyde Gateway and Clyde Cycle Park have been completed as planned. One project associated with a Hamilton Town Centre project has not progressed and Scottish Government will be approached to confirm their agreement to this funding being carried over into 2021-22 and used towards a project at another location in South Lanarkshire.	Amber
Prepare an Open Space Strategy in partnership with Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership and other council services.	Draft strategy to be presented to Planning Committee for approval by March 2021 and thereafter be subject to public consultation	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) is due to be published in June 2021. This will provide guidance on the content, timescales and engagement requirements for OSS.	Amber

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Strategy will contain standards on access to and quality of open spaces	Establish baseline for proportion of population in South Lanarkshire that has access to good quality open space	The preparation of an Open Space Strategy will become a statutory duty as a requirement of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019. A Scottish Government consultation on related regulations has been delayed as a result of Covid and the Scottish Parliament elections and will not be published until late May at the earliest and the relevant section of the Act enacted in late 2021. This measure will be progressed once clearer guidance is available. In the meantime audit work on the existing open space provision is being carried out.	Amber

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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	<p>A Biodiversity Duty Report was produced, formally approved by the SLC Climate Change Committee and published online for Scottish Government. This summarises the Council's contribution to biodiversity conservation from 2012-2020.</p> <p>Invasive non-native plants species monitoring and control continues, though Covid restrictions have meant that volunteer led control has not been completed.</p> <p>During 2020 Milton Tile Works, a proposed Local Nature Reserve in Carluke which includes Vacant and Derelict Land, has been rejuvenated as an accessible greenspace, led by SLC Regeneration team. Three sites were removed from the VDL register in 2020/21 due to naturalisation.</p> <p>Covid restrictions have curtailed planned work during 2020/21 which have delayed some projects. This includes Community Payback work; outdoor play and volunteer work sessions and events. Our volunteering network have adapted to current circumstances with frequent online meetings, both to communicate and skill share amongst each other, and to network with other similar groups in South Lanarkshire. Volunteers have also been signposted to online training and webinars, and attended virtual networking events hosted by Countryside and Greenspace. When restrictions allowed, groups and individuals have been taking part in small scale events; applying for funding and recruiting new members. The SLC environmental volunteer network still managed to record over 2000 volunteer days in 2020/21.</p>	Green

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Continue to work in partnership to deliver actions from South Lanarkshire's Biodiversity Strategy 2018-2022	The Council's progress on the delivery of actions from the South Lanarkshire's Biodiversity Strategy during 2020-21	<p>Local Nature Reserve designation: Draft management statements have been compiled, made available to community groups, and informally consulted with NatureScot. GIS mapping is being finalised. A timetable has been set for designation during 2021/22; discussions with NatureScot and SLC Legal and Planning teams continues. An annual report on LNRs has been created.</p> <p>Local Nature Conservation Site: 12 additional sites were surveyed during 20/21. All sites surveyed so far (totalling 74) have been assessed using set criteria allowing identification of sites with potential to be formally notified as LNCS.</p> <p>Projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langlands Moss: the Friends planted a new hedge of 20 trees in November 2020 at the edge of the wildflower meadow. • Greenhall, Milheugh & Barnhill: The Friends planted approx 400 trees at Milheugh in November 2020 and filled gaps in a mature hedge. New planters have been added to the growing area and a new gate installed in school fencing to allow easy access to the site from the adjacent primary school. • Helping Hands for Butterflies is a partnership project with Butterfly Conservation Scotland to create new habitats for butterflies in urban places which includes three sites in South Lanarkshire. Relaxation of restrictions in summer 2020 allowed for some sowing and planting events with individuals or small family groups, and training sessions and awareness raising continued in the form of online video conferencing. • B-line in the Clyde Valley: a partnership project with Buglife, funded by the Biodiversity Challenge Fund has improved 12 SLC sites for pollinators in the Clyde Valley, from Crossford to Lanark. • In house, SLC have improved the diversity of existing long grass areas by adding wildflower seed. Covid restrictions which resulted in 	Green

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		reduced grass management have increased interest in the value of long grass and wildflowers amongst the public. Site specific enquiries have resulted in changes to land management.	
	Develop case study examples demonstrating the impact from partnership projects during 2020-21	<p>1. The Volunteer Report is in draft; this provides information and case studies on the impact of environmental volunteering in South Lanarkshire, including citizen science where volunteers contribute to scientific knowledge.</p> <p>2. Pollinator Report is in draft; this provides information on how the Council is contributing to the Pollinator Strategy for Scotland in partnership with organisations and communities.</p> <p>3. LNR annual report has been created which highlights community engagement at each site.</p> <p>4. Biodiversity Duty Report was published in December 2020 and includes case studies on partnership projects including conservation work at Langlands Moss; Fernbrae Meadows creation; Glen Esk greenspace redevelopment; pollinator projects at Greenhall; and Growing Up Wild.</p>	Green

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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	<p>Phase 1 of the habitat conservation project at Langlands Moss LNR has been completed, with conifer plantation removed from deep peat. In the long term this should enable the peatland soil to become a carbon store, rather than a source, as natural surface habitat restores. The increased ability of the bog and surrounding land to store and slow water can contribute to natural flood management. In house monitoring of the project has been set up including fixed point photography and vegetation surveys.</p> <p>New woodland creation at Chatelherault has contributed to the initiation of the Clyde Climate Forest with the planting of 120 trees consisting of oak, sycamore and beech in March 2021.</p>	Green

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	Through random sampling, estimate south Lanarkshire's canopy cover* (*Trees, woodlands and forests from a bird's eyes view)	<p>Initial random sampling complete (500 random samples per ward assessed).</p> <p>Findings of the project can be seen on the i-tree canopy interactive webmap (http://bit.ly/canopy-cover-web-map) that is starting to illustrate the average ward canopy cover levels across the UK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20.4% Map ward 01 - Clydesdale West • 15.6% Map ward 02 - Clydesdale North • 16.6% Map ward 03 - Clydesdale East • 14.2% Map ward 04 - Clydesdale South • 19.2% Map ward 05 - Avondale and Stonehouse • 17.2% Map ward 06 - East Kilbride South • 21.1% Map ward 07 - East Kilbride Central South • 23.4% Map ward 08 - East Kilbride Central North • 11.4% Map ward 09 - East Kilbride West • 20.3% Map ward 10 - East Kilbride East • 11.3% Map ward 11 - Rutherglen South • 11.8% Map ward 12 - Rutherglen Central and North • 11.4% Ward map 13 - Cambuslang West • 14.7% Map ward 14 - Cambuslang East • 20.5% Map ward 15 - Blantyre • 23.8% Map ward 16 - Bothwell and Uddingston • 26.3% Map ward 17 - Hamilton North and East • 12.6% Map ward 18 - Hamilton West and Earnock • 20.0% Map ward 19 - Hamilton South • 12.4% Map ward 20 - Larkhall <p>Average Tree Canopy Cover is 17.2% of the total area of for South Lanarkshire (1.3% below current average forest and woodland cover of Scotland, and 3.8% below Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029 target of 21% by 2032).</p>	Green

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	Seek approval to create a Tree Canopy Cover Strategy that 'manages, protects and enhances', a resilient, healthy and diverse, benefit-generating canopy cover that is in tune with our needs and aspirations and responds to the challenges of our times (including climate change)	Approval given. Work on the Strategy is currently on hold.	Green

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

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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 2021	A draft Management Plan has been developed for Bothwell Woods. Initial discussions have taken place with David Livingstone Trust. However, wider structured public consultation has been delayed until 2021-22 due to covid restrictions and lockdowns preventing public meetings and exhibitions.	Amber
	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 will take place during spring/summer 2021. 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

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Contribute to community health and wellbeing through active lifestyles and well managed and accessible greenspace	Continued growth of healthy walking opportunities through the Get Walking Lanarkshire partnership initiative	Health Walks Programme was suspended due to Covid-19 throughout Q1. Limited resumption during Q2 and Q3. Largely suspended again during Q4. However, 1280 health walk participants were recorded. A Get Walking Lanarkshire Ranger post was recruited in Q3. The started in Jan 2021, but the appointee resigned after 5 weeks. The post was re-advertised.	Green
	Retain Green Flag accreditation at Strathaven Park, Cambuslang Park and Castlebank Park, through implementation of agreed action plans for 2020-21	Green Flag judging was completed despite the covid-19 restrictions, and all three parks: Cambuslang, Castlebank and Strathaven successfully retained their green flag status. We have received the feedback in relation to the judging to allow us to start planning ahead for next years judging. Work has also been ongoing through the winter in all three parks by grounds staff, as well continued support from the friends of groups.	Green
Encourage active travel and recreational 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 2021 in line with available external and internal capital funding (The Core Paths Plan)	Progress on the repairs programme has been limited due to Covid-19 restrictions resulting in the unavailability of Unpaid Work Service and environmental volunteers to assist. Several small to medium-scale repairs of boardwalks and bridges were undertaken at Neilsland Park, Langlands, Cadzow Glen and on the Clyde Walkway by Countryside and Greenspace staff during quarter two, three and four.	Green
	Develop implementation plan for linking The Clyde Walkway to 'Scotland's Great Trails' long-distance strategic access network	A strategic framework has been developed. Firstly, to connect several of Scotland's Great Trails approaching the boundaries of South Lanarkshire to the Clyde Walkway at Lanark/New Lanark, forming a hub there. Similarly, cycle routes from Biggar and Douglas Valley will form a hub with National Cycle Route 74 at Happendon. Secondly, routes should pass close to/or through as many villages as possible to achieve these links. Early discussions with NatureScot, Sustrans and the Rural Development Trust have been positive. The next stage is to undertake detailed evaluation of route options to achieve these links.	Green

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

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Explore options for innovative and affordable low carbon energy and heating solutions in local areas that will contribute towards national climate change ambitions	During 2020-21 develop and propose a Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) in line with the Scottish Governments pilot programme	<p>Following the initial South Lanarkshire LHEES pilot completed in 2019/20, the Council has been waiting on further guidance from the Scottish Government on the proposed roll out of the full strategy.</p> <p>In January 2021, through the Draft Heat In Buildings Strategy consultation, the Scottish Government advised that they would require all Local Authorities to have an LHEES in place by 2023, highlighting that further discussions and guidance would take place on this in 2021/22.</p> <p>The Council continues to plan and prepare for the development of an LHEES, with a range of actions progressed in 2020/21, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Housing and Technical Resources contracted a leading environmental consultancy firm to provide energy efficiency and decarbonisation advice and assistance to the Council for a range of work over the next three years, including assistance with the development of a full LHEES. •Officers from Housing and Technical Resources continuing to attend the dedicated LHEES Knowledge Sessions hosted by the Scottish Government. •Preparation for the application for additional funding from the Scottish Government to take forward planning and development for an LHEES in 2021/22. •Preparation for the recruitment of additional temporary posts from 2021/22 to support the energy efficiency, decarbonisation and wider climate change and sustainability agenda within both Community and Enterprise Resources and Housing and Technical Resources. 	Amber

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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 2020-21	Due to the restrictions in place, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the majority of projects in the energy efficiency programme have been carried forward to 2021/22.	Red
	Establish a baseline for the percentage of Council homes meeting EPC level B by March 2021 - Scottish target is that all socially rented homes must be EPC B rated by 2032	The baseline for EESSH2 at year end March 2021 is 4.82% this represent 1,205 of stock being compliant.	Green
Continue to maximise Home Energy Efficiency Programme funding to support owners and private rented properties	Total amount of funding secured for 2020-21 for HEEPS: Area Based Scheme	The HEEPS allocation for 2020/21 was £2,291,224, however, the final accrual requested from the Scottish Government was only £636,387. We were unable to spend £1,654,837 from our 2020/21 allocation due to the impact of restrictions imposed on the construction industry during the coronavirus pandemic and the withdrawal of a key contractor.	Red
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 deliver actions within the Fuel Poverty Sub-Group action plan during 2020-21	<p>Despite the challenges imposed by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the South Lanarkshire Fuel Poverty Sub-Group has continued to meet virtually throughout 2020/21.</p> <p>This has allowed partners to continue sharing information and best practice, discussing emerging issues and opportunities to resolve them, and taking forward joint projects. This includes the updating and distribution of the tenants energy guide, and the delivery of bespoke Air Source Heat Pump Training to front line council offices.</p> <p>The Fuel Poverty Sub-Group will continue to meet in 2021/22, with a focus on improving the availability of information available to residents on their energy supply and the support available to them. Consideration will also be given as to how the group can support partners to prepare for the decarbonisation requirements taking place in the coming years across the domestic sector.</p>	Green

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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 Greenspace Scotland's project to identify key areas of greenspace that could have to potential to heat public buildings. The project finished March 2021 and a report with the findings has been provided. A deeper dive on the findings has still to take place and a copy of the report has been provided to Changeworks who are leading on the Council's strategic energy review.	Green

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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. Works commenced in November 2019. The government lockdown due to Covid-19 required our topographical survey work to cease until restrictions were eased in Summer 2020. Although other project deliverables were brought forward in an attempt to minimise the delay to the programme, the original completion date of May 2021 slipped to August 2021.</p> <p>Biggar Flood Study: This is a project to increase our understanding of flood risk within the town of Biggar, in accordance with an action upon the Council within the Tweed Local Flood Risk Management Plan. The project was tendered under the Council's Professional Services Framework Contract and awarded to the winning consultant on 21 October 2020. Works commenced on 26 October 2020 and have a completion date of May 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 improve 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

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Deliver new and improved low carbon vehicle charging infrastructure	Number of charging infrastructure points available to the public within South Lanarkshire	At quarter four there were 54 public charging points across South Lanarkshire. During 2020-21, 37 units were upgraded and one additional unit installed as part of Transport Scotland's TS Local Authority Installation Programme (LAIP). There would have been a further 17 units available to the public as part of the LAIP project however there has been a delay in completing this by March 2021 due to a delay by the energy provider installing electricity meters at the charging locations. Final power connection is expected early 2021-22.	Green

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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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carstairs Park and Ride Extension – these works were completed in August 2020 where an additional 22 spaces were provided. 2. Lanark Interchange Project – Land acquisition was completed in July which will allow the first phase of works to be taken forward. Ground Investigation works identified disused tanks and these were removed in March 2021. 3. Cambuslang Park and Ride – Following the granting of planning consent a contract has been awarded to construct the car parking which is scheduled to be open in the summer of 2021. 4. 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. Ongoing detailed design discussions are regularly taking place with a programme of works currently being considered which would see contraction beginning next financial year. Land for park and ride facility secured on north and south sides. <p>Bus shelter infrastructure works are complete on the Fernhill Road / Mill Street as well as the Burnside Road / Stonelaw Road corridors in Rutherglen.</p>	Green

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Encourage active travel by extending our network of cycle routes and implementing the spaces for people projects	Progress/deliver walking and cycling projects/schemes in line with agreed 2020-21 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 the Carluke and Law area / Lanark and Hamilton are complete are available on the Council's website. A consultant has been appointed to undertake three further studies in Bothwell, Uddingston and Blantyre Area / Strathaven, Stonehouse and surrounding villages and Larkhall. These are scheduled for completion in April 2021.</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 Strathfillan Road to Torrence Road has recently been completed. A further phase from this point to the east of Kirktonholm Road is currently being constructed and will be completed in May 2021.</p> <p>3) Pedestrian and Cycle Counting equipment - Units have been installed at several locations, on B7056 Yieldshields Road, near Carluke / Ryflat Road, near Carstairs / Old Wishaw Road, Carluke / Station Road, Bothwell and West Mains Road, East Kilbride.</p> <p>4) Cycle Parking Provision in Town Centres – Works are complete at 6 locations (Main Street, Uddingston / Main Street, Rutherglen / Glasgow Road Blantyre / Almada Street, Hamilton / Alberta Avenue, East Kilbride and Hamilton Road, Halfway).</p> <p>5) Cycle Shelters and parking stands in schools – Works are complete at 3 locations (Kirklandpark Primary School, Strathaven / Muiredge Primary School, Uddingston / Cathkin Primary School, Rutherglen.</p>	Amber

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		<p>6) Cycle Route designs currently being taken forward in 9 project locations (Bothwell/Uddingston Cycle Network (NCN74 Raith to NCN75 Uddingston / Clydesdale Cycle Network (Larkhall to Blackwood/Carluke to Carstairs / Carluke and Law / Hamilton / Lanark / Cambuslang / Newton.</p> <p>7) Car Free Zones at Schools - 2 schools (Burnside Primary School and St Joseph's Primary School) will have zones in place after the summer holidays in August 2021 now that Covid-19 restrictions are easing.</p>	

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	Progress/deliver the four Spaces for People projects in lien with available funding and taking cognisance of Covid19 restrictions/developments and government guidance	<p>There are 4 projects with associated interventions being taken forward and these are detailed below: -</p> <p>1) Route Enhancement (NCN75) – Ground Services have completed vegetation removal / pruning works between Uddingston and Cambuslang.</p> <p>2) Active Travel Network (EK cycle Route) – construction works are currently ongoing or cycle lanes between East Kilbride Rail Station and the Town Centre (Torrance Road / Brouster Hill) and on Cornwall Street. It is anticipated that works will be completed in May 2021.</p> <p>3) School Outdoor Environment - social distance signs and markings as well as placing active travel banners have been provided at all schools and works are ongoing to implement 20mph “zones” at approximately 90 schools. These are scheduled to be completed for the schools returning after summer 2021.</p> <p>4) Town Centres - social distance signs and markings have been provided at main town and neighbourhood centres and works will begin shortly for providing 20mph cordons in six town centres (Carluke, Lanark, Bothwell, Strathaven, Larkhall and Uddingston). The works are being programmed and will be completed in the coming months.</p>	Amber

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Ensure the development of a sustainable food system to overcome social, health, economic and environmental issues related to food	Implement year one of the Good Food Strategy (2020-2025) Action Plan and monitor its impacts	The first year action plan of the Good Food Strategy has been implemented but its implementation has been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic with: a focus on actions tackling food insecurity and ensuring food distribution; delays in the implementation of some actions given the emergence of new priorities and the restrictions and closure of schools, public buildings and some of the food businesses; and adjustment of some of the actions to respond to the context including more online activities. More detailed information is available in the quarter two and quarter four food action plan progress reports.	Green

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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 retro fitting of appropriate technology in existing buildings	Supporting Planning Guidance to be presented to committee for approval by March 2021 and thereafter be subject to public consultation. Awareness sessions to be developed for planning officers and developers/agents to ensure roll out guidance in 2021-22	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 draft Rural Design Guide and Householder Development Support Planning Guidance in quarter one 2021-22.	Amber
Review and update guidance for buildign standards surveyors in relation to cliamte change mitigation in new buildings and the adaptation of existing buidlings	Complete review and develop service specific actions by March 2021. Awareness sessions to be developed for planning officers and developers/agents to ensure roll out in 2021-22	Formal publication of guidance and awareness session for surveyors undertaken in March 2021.	Green
Provide advice and support to businesses in the transition to a net-zero economy	Develop an Economic 'Response, Recover and Renenwal' Strategy framed around three themes: People, Place and Business whilst creating the right conditions for a low carbon economy	Work commenced on the development of a coordinated Lanarkshire wide economic recovery plan and the first two meetings were held of the newly established pan-Lanarkshire Economic Forum (LEF) The new strategy will be presented for Committee approval in September 2021.	Amber

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	Support provided to Smart Sustainable East Kilbride (SSEK) in the delivery of their action plan priorities for 2020-21	Discussions on-going on future funding and priorities for SSEK with partners	Green

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Provide environmental volunteering opportunities and support community groups to manage local environmental projects	Undertake sample case studies to determine impacts of volunteering (% volunteers expressing positive experience/health benefits)	In Q1, an online questionnaire was sent to 80 individuals. 28 questionnaires were submitted. Of these, 100% expressed positive experience/health benefits from participating in environmental volunteering. A review has been undertaken of environmental volunteering supported by Countryside and Greenspace during the last 10 years, with a selection of case-studies. This provides a baseline for future monitoring and evaluation.	Green

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	Details of support provided to community groups during 2020-21 to manage local environmental projects	<p>Covid restrictions severely curtailed Countryside and Greenspace serviced volunteer groups from operating throughout the year. Locally based management/"friends of" groups continued to function, through social media and online meetings. Some clean-ups and management activities were achieved outside of the lockdown periods, during Q2 and Q3.</p> <p>This resulted in an impressive 2380 volunteer days being recorded, despite all the Covid restrictions.</p> <p>Support provided to community groups during the lockdown periods included: Regular social media contact via the Countryside Rangers Facebook page including video blogs; dissemination and promotion of online capacity building/citizen science training material; holding online networking meeting for community groups through zoom; attending community groups' own online meetings through zoom; establishing an online Lanarkshire Green Volunteering Network for organisations supporting/providing volunteering opportunities.</p>	Green

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Work towards the introduction of Part 9 of the Community Empowerment Act 2015 in relation to food growing	Publish the Food Growing Strategy and implement the Year 1 action plan to continue to increase all types of food growing provision across South Lanarkshire	The draft food growing strategy was published by April 2020, however final committee approval was not received until December 2020, and the final strategy was then published on the Council's website. Work on the action plan continued throughout lockdown and the only action not met was a physical visit to a SLC site by the Food Growing Group which could not take place due to Covid-19 restrictions. All raised beds at Murray Recreation have been allocated as have the allotments at Fernbrae Meadows and a new allotment site is under construction at Lammermoor, East Kilbride. Planning applications have also been submitted for small food growing sites at Lesmahagow Rd in Strathaven and in Burnhill. We have continued to work with community groups and have successfully delivered for example, a community raised bed pilot at Strathaven Park, a small food growing pilot with a nursery school at Crofthead Park in Uddingston and Grow73 has successfully obtained a Council lease for food growing in Overton Park in Rutherglen. Over 1,300 school pupils have been involved in food growing and 1,400 people are involved in growing in the community, at home or in care settings; 500 pumpkin seed packs issued by Bonnie Blantyre; 250 mini allotment kits issued by Grow73; 200 seed packs issued by East Kilbride Development Trust; 45 fruit trees planted by Lanark Development Trust in various locations; Lets Talk about Growing network started by Grow 73 / Healthy n Happy; referral process established to access online learning resources provided by Clydesdale Community Initiative.	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 the school curriculum and continue to engage young people in environmental education through Eco Schools or other initiatives	Identification and collation of sustainability and climate change activity within the school curriculum during 2020-21 as a single source of information	Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic all of Education Resources attention was reprioritised to continuity of education and safety of staff and pupils	Red
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	Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic all of Education Resources attention was reprioritised to continuity of education and safety of staff and pupils	Red

Report

4

Report to: **Climate Change and Sustainability Committee**
 Date of Meeting: **25 August 2021**
 Report by: **Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

Subject: **Good Food Strategy Action Plan Update – Quarter 4 2020/2021**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

- ◆ Update the Committee on the status of the Good Food Strategy actions and measures at Quarter 4 of 2020/2021

2. Recommendation

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

- (1) that the 2020/2021 Q4 position in respect of actions and measures within the Good Food Strategy action plan be noted.

3. Background

3.1. On 4 December 2019, the Executive Committee approved the Council's 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 sets 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 17 September 2020 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 action plan 2020/2021 Q4 update

4.1. The action plan progress report, attached as appendix 1, is divided into two parts; the first part sets out performance/contextual measures against the strategy's themes and objectives and the second part outlines improvement actions against these themes and objectives.

4.2. The overall summary of performance measures at the end of quarter 4 is as follows:

Total number of performance/ contextual measures		51
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	9 (17.6%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	1 (2%)
Status - Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target	14 (27.6%)
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	27 (52.9%)

4.3. The overall summary of improvement actions at the end of quarter 4 is as follows:

Total number of improvement actions		41
Status - Blue	Action Complete	0 (0%)
Status – Green	The timescale or target has been met as per expectations	19 (46.3%)
Status – Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target	4 (9.8%)
Status - Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target	18 (43.9%)

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	0 (0%)
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4.4. Progress on the implementation of the strategy action plan was disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic, with the Council having to reduce and suspend a number of services following government advice. This is reflected in the number of activities with measures showing a “Red”, “Amber” or “To be reported later” status. Instead, resources were diverted to challenges specifically related to food access which arose as a result of the pandemic. Detailed information on the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on individual food related activities is set out in Appendix 1.

4.5. Despite the above slippage, some of the highlights from the report include the following:

- ◆ preparatory work to meet the new food and drink regulation in schools was completed, including the preparation and promotion of new menus and training for employees (new menus were introduced in April 2021)
- ◆ while many food education programmes were cancelled due to Covid-19, some of these activities were delivered successfully using alternative methods such as online courses (e.g., Kitchen Learning Hub for Unpaid Work service users – see case study in Appendix 2, and Foraging Fortnight online events)
- ◆ healthy school meals and healthy eating was promoted through social media and the Council website
- ◆ a council working group on Sustainable Food Procurement has been established to consider opportunities to source and serve more local and sustainable food
- ◆ with the cancellation of food events and workshops planned for the private sector, funding was diverted to support other activities in 2021/22 e.g. outdoor market events, the development of a new local network of food and drink businesses, and the consideration of promotional activities including online events and competitions through social media
- ◆ in 2020-21, 100% of fish, chicken and red butcher meat used by Facilities met with recognised standards (Marine Stewardship Council standards, Red Tractor standards, and Quality Meat Scotland standards respectively)
- ◆ an increased number of people participated in food growing; through newly created allotment sites (Fernbrae Meadows and Lammermoor) raised beds (Murray Recreation), and through the development of alternative food growing opportunities implemented in partnership with community organisations. Moreover, connections between individuals and community projects in relation to food growing have been encouraged
- ◆ further progress was made towards the reduction of single-use plastic items
- ◆ new relationships and partnerships with community and third sector organisations were developed in response to the food challenges caused by the pandemic. This led to the development of a network of organisations involved in emergency food provision, further information available in Appendix 2

5. **New actions and initiatives to tackle food access challenges arising from Covid-19 pandemic**

5.1. In addition to the above highlights, new actions required to be carried out in response to food challenges caused by the pandemic, and in particular food insecurity. These actions are not included in the action plan - which was prepared before the start of Covid-19 pandemic.

- 5.2. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the number of people requiring food support has increased due to a range of circumstances such as changes in financial situation, self-isolation or limited availability of the support system with people being ill or having to self-isolate. Data collected from food banks in South Lanarkshire show that 27,750 households or 50,565 people were referred to receive emergency food provision from April 2020 to March 2021. The number of food parcels distributed by food banks has increased by 93.4% compared to last year. In particular, 16,133 children have received food from food banks in South Lanarkshire and this represents a 171% increase compared to the previous year.
- 5.3. Several Council services have been engaging in new food related activities in response to the pandemic, using funding from the Scottish Government (Food Fund - April to June 2020: funding for Free School meals - July to September 2020; grant to support people to access food and other essentials - July to September 2020; and Financial Insecurity Fund from November 2020 to March 2021).
- 5.4. This section provides an overview of these new food related activities as reported by officers and services, and includes initiatives delivered in partnership with community groups and the third sector. Examples and case studies of key council and third sector initiatives are also available in Appendix 2.
- 5.5. The Community Engagement Team supported the existing community and third sector by supplementing food banks and other community organisations (information on Healthy Valleys in Appendix 2). In total, 26,651 bags of food, the equivalent of 407,540 meals, were distributed by the council over the last year (March 2020 to April 2021) to up to 16 organisations in the four areas of South Lanarkshire.
- 5.6. People requesting support have also been able to reach help via the council Community Wellbeing Line which was launched at the beginning of the pandemic. Among other types of support, the wellbeing line helped to connect households in need of food aid due to health or financial problems to local community food organisations (more information about the role of the Wellbeing line is available in Appendix 2). In total, the Community Engagement Team has dealt with 3,099 food related requests over the last year, leading to an additional distribution of 4,720 bags of food to vulnerable groups, homeless people and sheltered housing residents.
- 5.7. With support from the Council, local organisations have also received food from FareShare. The charity takes good quality surplus food from the food industry to frontline charities and community groups. From April 2020 to March 2021, 140 tonnes of food surplus, the equivalent of 334,153 meals were redistributed in South Lanarkshire. This represents 132 tonnes of CO2 saved from directing this food to landfill.
- 5.8. A network of organisations involved in food distribution has been developed with support from the council and has met regularly to discuss challenges and share good practices around food insecurity. Projects undertaken by the network include the publication of the Good Food Recipe booklet which is distributed with food parcels, the publication of an online map to easily locate local food organisations, and the organisation of a workshop to discuss dignity principles in the context of emergency food provision (more information about the dignity workshop available in Appendix 2).
- 5.9. The Youth Family and Community Learning service (Education) has also played a role in supporting access to food (see more information about the initiative in St Paul's

Primary School in Appendix 2). They have distributed 786 food parcels to families in need. An additional 84 themed food parcels including utensils and kitchen electricals were distributed, as well as 200 boxes over the Christmas period.

- 5.10. Pupils eligible for free school meals received £3 per day. Cash payments were made on a fortnightly basis during both school closure and holiday periods. Approximately 9,300 pupils benefited from free school meals from April 2020 to March 2021. Moreover, pupils who were self-isolated or shielded also received a one-off payment of £30 to cover the cost of lunches from November 2020.
- 5.11. From April to July 2020, breakfasts, lunches and afternoon snacks were served in Community Hubs to marginalised groups and key workers' children (67,085 meals served). During the summer holiday period, different options were used to continue to deliver free school meals to children of key workers and eligible children: this included meals served in hubs (6,229 free meals in 10 locations), cash payment, vouchers and home deliveries.
- 5.12. The Community Meals programme, led by Social Work, aimed to support older people with the delivery of hot meals during the lockdown periods. This involved the development of meal hubs in council premises and support from 60 employees across the council and from South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture. From April to July 2020, 21,527 hot meals prepared by Facilities Services were delivered on a daily basis with four meal hubs established. The service was then reintroduced from January to April 2021 with two meal hubs and 10,028 meals delivered to 73 service users. Social Work also delivered meals to vulnerable families through the Child and Family programme. From April to June, 26,113 meals were delivered.
- 5.13. Housing services organised the delivery of hot meals to sheltered housing tenants (1,218 tenants) and Cluster Homeless Projects (123 beneficiaries) and delivered food packs to those presenting as homeless (30 homeless presentations per week). In total, Facilities prepared 17,954 meals for homeless people through the year.

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.
- 7.2. There were also a number of new actions which were not included in the action plan, but which were a necessary response to the food challenges caused by the pandemic and in particular food insecurity. The additional costs of these activities (as presented in section 6) were identified under COVID financial reporting.

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. An equality impact assessment was carried out on the Good Food Strategy.

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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Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

6 August 2021

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

- ♦ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 12 November 2019 - Good Food Strategy
- ♦ Executive Committee 4 December 2019 - Good Food Strategy
- ♦ Community and Enterprise Resources 31 March 2020 - Action Plan – 1st year of implementation of the Good Food Strategy
- ♦ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 17 September 2020 – Action Plan for the first year of implementation of the Good Food Strategy
- ♦ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 4 October 2020 – Good Food Strategy action plan: Quarter 2 Progress Report 2020/21

List of Background Papers

None

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The cover graphic features a large white plate with a green rim and a grey fork resting on it. The background is a warm orange-yellow gradient with various food-related icons: a carrot, a tomato, a cow, a whisk, a chef's hat, a strawberry, a cheese wedge, a sheep, and a recycling symbol. The text "South Lanarkshire" is in grey, "Good Food" is in large green letters, and "Strategy 2020-2025" is in red.

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Performance Report

Quarter 4 : 2020/21 - April to March

Sustainable
South Lanarkshire

The logo for Sustainable South Lanarkshire, featuring a circular emblem with icons for a person, a leaf, and a gear, set against a background of stylized waves.

What are the objectives of the Good Food Strategy?

There are 12 objectives categorised into six themes.

Good Food at Home and in the Community

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



Good Food in the Public Sector

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



Good Food Economy

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



Good Food Growing

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



Good Food for the Environment

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



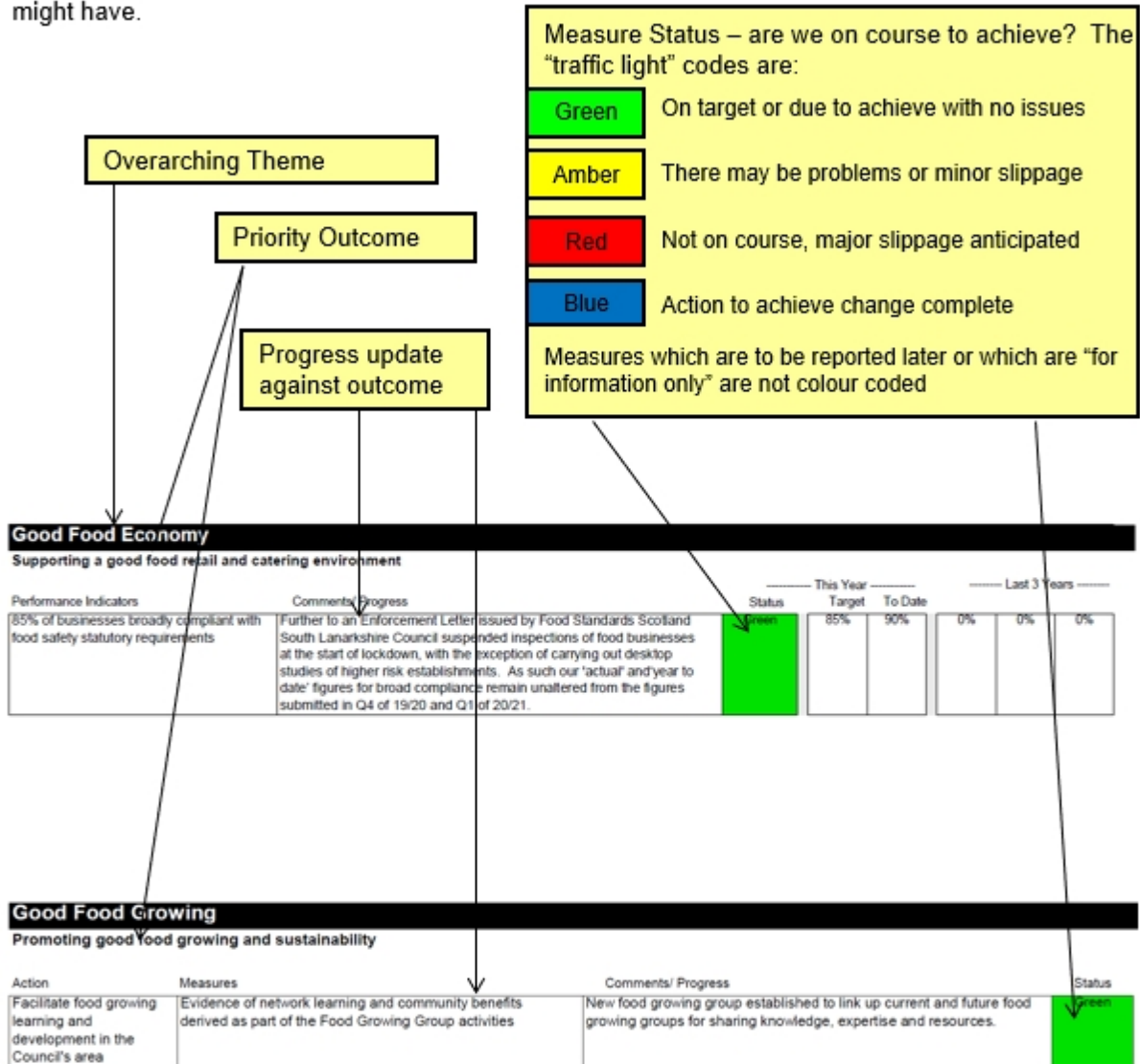
Good Food Governance

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



How to use this performance report

This performance report is intended to be both informative and easy to use. The guide below is designed to help you get the most out of the report and to answer the most common questions you might have.





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

Theme	Green	Amber	Red	Report later / Contextual	Total
Good Food at Home and in the Community	1	1	4	22	28
Good Food Economy	1		7		8
Good Food for the Environment	5		3	2	10
Good Food Governance	2				2
<i>Good Food Growing</i>					
Good Food in the Public Sector				3	3
Total	9	1	14	27	51

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

Theme	Complete	Green	Amber	Red	Report later	Total
Good Food at Home and in the Community		3	1	2		6
Good Food in the Public Sector		4	2	4		10
Good Food Economy		2		5		7
Good Food Growing		4		2		6
Good Food for the Environment		1		2		3
Good Food Governance		5	1	3		9
Total	0	19	4	18	0	41

Good Food Strategy

Section 1: Quantitative measures

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food at Home and in the Community

Supporting good food education and culture

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of children and schools involved in educational activities promoting healthy eating in nurseries, primary and secondary schools	No educational activities were delivered given the COVID restrictions and schools closed for several months. However, promotion of healthy school meals and healthy eating has been done through social media and Council website (e.g. promotion of new school menu and publication of favourite children's recipes).	Contextual	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Number of schools, children, parents, catering staff and teachers involved in the communication of the new regulation for Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in schools	The educational programme took another form compared to the initial plan due to COVID restrictions. Online training was developed to inform catering staff and teachers about the new regulation. Moreover, three animations for nursery, primary and secondary schools promoting the new menu were developed and circulated via social media and the council website. "At a glance" posters were also developed for all primary and secondary schools highlighting the new standards.	Contextual	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Number of certificates from REHIS courses successfully completed and number of REHIS certificates increasing employability opportunities for Unpaid Work Service Users (Social Work)	Due to COVID restrictions and limit for face to face contact, no REHIS courses were delivered during the whole year.	Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Time allocated by Placement Supervisors to overview Unpaid Work Service Users (Social Work) involved in food growing activities at Auchentibber allotment	Unpaid Work Placements were suspended given the COVID restrictions. On the resumption of Unpaid Work placements, the service intends to explore the development of an Educational Gardener Project. From summer 2021, in partnership with Sacro, an educational gardener will assist with the development of the project and placements associated with food growing. Links with local colleges in relation to relevant horticultural qualifications for Service Users and the Educational Gardener Project are also being explored.	Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food at Home and in the Community

Supporting good food education and culture

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of referrals to the Unpaid Work Service from community growers offering opportunities to grow food	Unpaid Work Placements were suspended given the COVID restrictions. Since the end of the lockdown period in April, work with community growers remains restricted even if some of them are taking place (e.g. with the Community Orchard of Bonny Blantyre). The Educational Gardener project is also progressing at Auchentibber with the aim of "seed to plate".	Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Number of food growing training sessions delivered to Unpaid Work Service Users and number of participants	Unpaid Work Placements were suspended due to COVID restrictions. Subsequently, there has been limited progress with regards to involvement with community growers which had been previously an important area of work. Since the end of the lockdown period in April, work with community growers remains restricted even if some of them are taking place (e.g. with the Community Orchard of Bonny Blantyre). The Educational Gardener project is also progressing at Auchentibber with the aim of "seed to plate".	Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Number of learners from the Youth, Family and Community Learning service who have improved confidence and self-esteem by participating in food related programme	843 and 12 learners have participated in the East Kilbride 'Kitchen Kings' food related learning programme during the Q1/Q2 and Q3/Q4 periods respectively and have improved confidence and self-esteem. Numbers have dropped due to COVID and the impossibility to deliver face to face learning programmes.	Contextual	-----	855	-----	-----	-----
Number of learners from the Youth, Family and Community Learning service who have improved mental health and wellbeing by participating in food related programme	843 and 12 learners have participated in the East Kilbride 'Kitchen Kings' food related learning programme during the Q1/Q2 and Q3/Q4 periods respectively and have improved their mental health and wellbeing. Numbers have dropped due to COVID and the impossibility to deliver face to face learning programmes.	Contextual	-----	855	-----	-----	-----
Number of learners from the Youth, Family and Community Learning service who have improved physical health and wellbeing by participating to food related programmes	843 and 12 learners have participated in the East Kilbride 'Kitchen Kings' food related learning programme during the Q1/Q2 and Q3/Q4 periods respectively and have improved their physical health and wellbeing. Numbers have dropped due to COVID and the impossibility to deliver face to face learning programmes.	Contextual	-----	855	-----	-----	-----

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food at Home and in the Community

Supporting good food education and culture

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of learners from the Youth, Family and Community Learning service who are better able to support their child/family members by participating in food related programme	843 and 12 learners have participated in the East Kilbride 'Kitchen Kings' food related learning programme during the Q1/Q2 and Q3/Q4 periods respectively and are better able to support their family members health and wellbeing. Numbers have dropped due to COVID and the impossibility to deliver face to face learning programmes.	Contextual	-----	855	-----	-----	-----
Number of learners from the Youth, Family and Community Learning Service who have achieved a nationally recognised award or qualification through food related learning programmes	21 learners have achieved nationally recognised awards through food related learning programmes (Elementary Food Hygiene and Duke of Edinburgh skills section awards) during the Q1/Q2 period. No training has been undertaken during the Q3/Q4 period given the COVID restrictions.	Contextual	-----	21	-----	-----	-----
Number of learners from the Youth, Family and Community Learning Service who have improved confidence and self-esteem through food growing related learning programmes	492 learners across South Lanarkshire have participated in food growing programmes with the Youth, Family and Community Learning Service during the Q1/Q2 period (including in the Clydesdale, Cambuslang/Rutherglen and East Kilbride areas) and have reported improved confidence and self-esteem. During the Q3/Q4 period, no learner has taken part in growing related learning programmes due to seasonal and COVID restrictions.	Contextual	-----	492	-----	-----	-----
Number of learners from the Youth, Family and Community Learning Service who have improved mental health and wellbeing through food growing related learning programmes	492 learners across South Lanarkshire have participated in food growing programmes with the Youth, Family and Community Learning Service during the Q1/Q2 period (including in the Clydesdale, Cambuslang/Rutherglen and East Kilbride areas) and have reported improved mental health and wellbeing. During the Q3/Q4 period, no learner has taken part in growing related learning programmes due to seasonal and COVID restrictions.	Contextual	-----	492	-----	-----	-----
Number of learners from the Youth, Family and Community Learning Service who have improved physical health and wellbeing through food growing related learning programmes	492 learners across South Lanarkshire have participated in food growing programmes with Youth, Family and Community Learning Service during the Q1/Q2 period (including in the Clydesdale, Cambuslang/Rutherglen and East Kilbride areas) and have reported improved physical health and wellbeing. During the Q3/Q4 period, no learner has taken part in growing related learning programmes due to seasonal and COVID restrictions.	Contextual	-----	492	-----	-----	-----

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food at Home and in the Community

Supporting good food education and culture

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of people participating in the Foraging Fortnight and having a better understanding of the use of local resources	Foraging Fortnight (supported by the LEADER programme) ran through the summer of 2020. Due to COVID restrictions, the on-site event was cancelled and has been replaced by online events promoting local food products (including a talk with Andrew Carmichael at Carmichael Estate about one of the old apple orchards of the Upper Clyde Valley).	Contextual	-----	24,000	-----	-----	-----

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food at Home and in the Community

Reducing food poverty and insecurity

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of food parcels delivered by food banks to understand trends of food insecurity and poverty and inform Council actions and local initiatives	<p>The data for the last financial year, takes a different format from that used in the previous reports. A number of the foodbanks now record food distribution based on households being referred and the number of people being fed, rather than on the number of food parcels distributed.</p> <p>The latest figures for the foodbanks operating in South Lanarkshire (Hamilton district; Cambuslang and Rutherglen; Clyde, Avon and Nethan Valley; East Kilbride district; Clydesdale; EK Loaves & Fishes; EK Share Alike) indicate that over the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, a total of 27,750 households were referred for assistance, with 50,656 people being fed through emergency food distribution during the last 12 months.</p> <p>If the number of people being fed through emergency food distribution is taken as a proxy for the number of individual food parcels (e.g. one person= one food parcel) then the number of food parcels being distributed to individuals by South Lanarkshire food banks has increased by +93.4% over the period 2019-20 to 2020-21, from 26,211 during year 2019-20, up to 50,656 during year 2020-21.</p> <p>In addition to the food relief issued by the local food banks, the SLC Community Engagement Team also co-ordinated free emergency food provision as part of the Council's COVID-19 Community Wellbeing initiative during the past year. In addition to the 27,750 households referred by the food banks, the Community Engagement team directly distributed emergency food relief to an additional 4,720 vulnerable households, such as the homeless, elderly and disabled between 1st April 2020 and 31st March 2021.</p>	Contextual	-----	50,656	-----	-----	-----

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food at Home and in the Community

Reducing food poverty and insecurity

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Uptake of breakfasts served in primary schools during all school days	Breakfasts were served in 112 schools in 2020 and in 86 schools in 2021 when schools were open. In total, 177,620 breakfasts were served in 2020 and 6,537 in 2021 (up to April 2021). Number of schools serving breakfasts reduced in early 2021 as some schools were adapting their covid bubbles to accommodate the breakfast service.	Amber	118	112	----	----	----
Number of vulnerable children benefiting from free and healthy breakfasts and lunches per day during the summer holiday period	Summer Holiday Hubs took a different form from what was envisaged due to additional needs resulting from the pandemic. In addition to meals provided to vulnerable children, meals were also provided to key workers' children. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks were served (from 27 June to 3 August) in Community Hubs to both groups. 6,229 free meals were provided across the duration of the programme to 450 children.	Contextual	----	450	----	----	----
Number of children participating in the Summer Holiday Hubs	Youth, Family and Community Learning Service re-instated emergency childcare provision in 10 identified hubs. 47 young people accessed the provision across all 3 days. Nonetheless, no food was served. During the summer period, 450 young people accessed the sessions. The Summer Holiday Hubs took a different form compared to what was initially envisaged due to the pandemic and meals were served to both vulnerable children and key workers' children.	Contextual	----	497	----	----	----
Number of participants to the Summer Holiday Hubs who have improved their social skills	47 young people accessed the emergency childcare provision in February and 450 during the summer period and have participated in activities improving their social skills.	Contextual	----	497	----	----	----
Number of participants to the Summer Holiday Hubs who have improved their physical health and wellbeing	47 young people accessed the emergency childcare provision in February and 450 during the summer period and have participated in activities improving their physical health and wellbeing.	Contextual	----	497	----	----	----
Number of participants to the Summer Holiday Hubs who have improved their mental health and wellbeing	47 young people accessed the emergency childcare provision in February and 450 during the summer period and have participated in activities improving their mental health and wellbeing.	Contextual	----	497	----	----	----
% of free school meals uptake in secondary school	Due to school closures, the figure does not reflect uptake in a normal year.	Contextual	----	40.89%	----	----	----

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food at Home and in the Community

Reducing food poverty and insecurity

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of affordable and nutritious welfare meals served per day to older people participating in lunch clubs	Lunch clubs did not take place but alternative options were developed such as the Community Meals programme led by Social Work. The programme aimed at supporting older people with the delivery of hot meals during the lockdown periods.	Contextual	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Number of lunch clubs serving affordable and nutritious welfare meals to older people	Lunch clubs did not take place but alternative options were developed such as the Community Meals programme led by Social Work. The programme aimed at supporting older people with the delivery of hot meals during the lockdown periods.	Contextual	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Number of referrals and applications to specific food initiatives made by Money Matters to help families experiencing food insecurity	No annual target is set for referrals or applications as it is based on demand. In total 1,645 referrals were made in 2020-2021.	Contextual	-----	1,645	-----	-----	-----
% of applications made to the Scottish Welfare Fund in 2 working days	In recognition of the vulnerability of the customers seeking support from the fund, Scottish Government regulations emphasise the importance of processing applications as quickly as possible with national targets set at 2 working days for Crisis Grants and 15 working days for Community Care Grants.	Green	100.00%	100.00%	-----	-----	-----
Annual volume of applications made to the Scottish Welfare Fund	In recognition of the impact of the pandemic on household incomes, the Scottish Government significantly increased Scottish Welfare Funding to help mitigate the increased demand on the fund in 2020/2021. In SLC, demands on the service increased substantially with Crisis Grant applications increasing by 50% in 2020/2021 compared to the previous year and Community Care Grant applications increasing by 13%. In total, 17,731 applications were received with 10,247 awards being made.	Contextual	-----	17,731	-----	-----	-----

Good Food in the Public Sector

Improving food in schools and in council properties

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of nutritious meals served in nurseries, primary and secondary schools	For this year, figures will not be representative of a normal year as schools were closed for several months. Instead meals were served to children of key workers and vulnerable pupils.	Contextual	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food in the Public Sector

Improving food in schools and in council properties

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
% of school meal uptake (free and paid)	Figures this year have been significantly affected by Covid-19 as the percentage uptake is measured against the school roll. This is therefore a contextual measure only for 2020-21.	Contextual	47%	24%	-----	-----	47%
Amount spent on Fairtrade products	Data was provided by Scotland Excel and represents council Fairtrade spending made through contracts. Figure cannot be considered as representative given the pandemic resulting in closure of council premises and schools.	Contextual	-----	£3,889.73	-----	-----	-----

Good Food Economy

Supporting a good food retail and catering environment

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
85% of businesses broadly compliant with food safety statutory requirements	Further to an Enforcement Letter issued by Food Standards Scotland, South Lanarkshire Council suspended inspections of food businesses at the start of lockdown, with the exception of carrying out desktop studies of higher risk establishments. As no businesses were risk rated since COVID began, their ratings have not changed for 2020/2021.	Green	85%	90%	-----	-----	-----
% of business involved in product reformulation with the Food and Drink Federation in order to increase the offer of healthy food	The target this year was to encourage 8 food manufacturing or catering businesses in South Lanarkshire to carry out product reformulation to produce healthier products (e.g. lower in salt, fat, sugar). Due to COVID, the project was halted as both the business community and Environmental Services had to focus resources on tackling the pandemic. It is not known at present if or when this project may re-start therefore this measure is being reported as 'red' for 2020/2021.	Red	100%	-----	-----	-----	-----
15 businesses interested in exploring food and retail distribution after participating in the annual event for local food and drink producers	The annual event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the Good Food Strategy with funding from Scotland Food and Drink and was cancelled due to COVID restrictions. Funding will be used instead to support outdoor market events in some SL towns.	Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Economy

Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
15 businesses interested in accessing public food procurement after participating in the annual event for local food and drink producers	The annual event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the Good Food Strategy and was cancelled given the COVID restrictions. A working group on Sustainable Food Procurement was established instead in February 2021 and is exploring options to increase public spending towards local food.	Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
8 local food businesses involved in the Food Week	The annual event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the Good Food Strategy with funding from Scotland Food and Drink and was cancelled due to COVID restrictions. However, some of the funding is being used to support the development of a new local network of food and drink businesses in Lanarkshire.	Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
10 stakeholders involved in the Food Week	The annual event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the Good Food Strategy with funding from Scotland Food and Drink and was cancelled given the COVID restrictions. Nonetheless, funding secured for the event from Scotland Food and Drink and from the Scottish Agricultural College Consulting Regional Food Fund was kept to adapt the project and continue to support the SLC food and drink sector. In particular, other options to promote local food and drink in South Lanarkshire to residents and visitors are being considered including a competition through social media as well as online events.	Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
15 businesses attending the workshop focusing on good food practices at the annual event for local food and drink producers and interested in changing their practices	The annual event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the Good Food Strategy with funding from Scotland Food and Drink and was cancelled due to COVID restrictions.	Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
2 events organised to promote food careers in school	Events were cancelled due to COVID restrictions and competing priorities. However, events are now being organised in conjunction with Young Enterprise Scotland and Developing the Young Workforce in schools to link SLC food and drink businesses with educational aspects. Moreover, events are organised by the Economic Development Team with community groups to educate all ages about SLC local food and drink.	Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food for the Environment

Reducing food waste and packaging

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Quantity of food waste from school kitchen below 1%	The pre-ordering system currently in place in primary schools limits the quantity of food waste in those schools. However, Facilities will carry out a pilot study in two schools in 2021/2022 (one primary school and one secondary school) to estimate the quantity of food waste.	Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Quantity of food waste from dining room below 15%	The pre-ordering system currently in place in primary schools limits the quantity of food waste in those schools. However, Facilities will carry out a pilot study in two schools in 2021/2022 (one primary school and one secondary school) to estimate the quantity of food waste.	Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
% of food waste from school kitchen recycled	All food disposed in food waste bins are sent to be recycled through anaerobic digestion which allow the production of biogas and bi-product which is used as bio fertiliser.	Green	100%	100%	-----	-----	-----
% of household using food caddies to dispose food waste	The study to determine the share of households using food caddies could not be carried out due to the pandemic. All available resources were redeployed to front-line collection services to enable them to continue as scheduled.	Red	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Quantity of food surplus redistributed to vulnerable people (food bank) or sold at affordable prices (food coop)	From April 2020 to March 2021, 140 tonnes of food surplus were redistributed in South Lanarkshire by the charity FareShare whether it has been distributed directly to local organisations or via the Council. This equals to 334,153 meal portions, a value of £501,230. This also represents 132 tonnes of CO2 saved from directing this food to landfill.	Contextual	-----	140	-----	-----	-----

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	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
At least one campaign promoting sustainable food	Three campaigns and awareness messages were supported or shared by the council via social media and/or View website (Fairtrade Fortnight, Food Waste Action Week and GoFizzFree).	Green	1	3	-----	-----	-----
Number of people reached	Around 40,000 and 50,000 followers on Facebook and Twitter respectively.	Contextual	-----	40,000	-----	-----	-----

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food for the Environment

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

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
100% fish respecting MSC standards	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% chicken respecting red tractor standards	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% red butcher meat respecting QMS standards	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%	----	----	----

Good Food Governance

Developing and strengthening food partnerships

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number and value of funding application made to maximise opportunities for the development of food related projects and initiatives	£5,000 was secured from the Scottish Government for the implementation of Love Local initiatives aiming at supporting rural food producers and farm shops (Q3&Q4). Two third sector organisations have also secured Renewable Energy Funding (£10,000) to provide emergency food relief in response to the pandemic (Q1&Q2).	Green	----	15,000	----	----	----

Making good food a priority in the council's area

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of food related programmes secured to maximise funding for rural community development	£5,000 was secured from the Scottish Government for the implementation of Love Local initiatives aiming at supporting rural food producers and farm shops (Q3&Q4).	Green	----	1	----	----	----

Good Food Strategy

Section 2: Project measures

Good Food at Home and in the Community

Supporting good food education and culture

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Deliver a pilot course in schools with parents, promoting healthy eating and cooking on a budget	Impacts of cooking courses on food knowledge and skills (number of parents impacted and type of impacts)	This initiative were shelved due to COVID and is unlikely to start prior to August 2022.	Red
Organise educational activities promoting healthy eating in nurseries, primary and secondary schools (e.g. Go fresh clubs; breakfast classroom activities; Better eating-better learning)	Type of activities delivered	No activity was delivered given the COVID restrictions and schools closed for several months. However, promotion of healthy school meals and healthy eating has been done through social media and Council website (e.g. promotion of new school menu and publication of favourite children's recipes).	Amber

Good Food at Home and in the Community

Supporting good food education and culture

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Provide 4 cookery food and hygiene sessions per week, deliver Kitchen Learning Hub and 6/8 REHIS courses to Service Users of the Unpaid Work Service in collaboration with Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership (LCFHP)	Feedback from participating Service Users on cookery food and hygiene sessions (satisfaction and impact including numbers of Service Users and hours completed)	The Kitchen Learning Hub (KLH) is currently being delivered remotely via Microsoft Teams on a Tuesday and Thursday to a maximum of 8 Service Users each session. Each service user is delivered a food parcel to their home, which provides all the necessary ingredients for the cookery session and nutritional input (delivered by a nutritionist). Each KLH session lasts two hours. Feedback is sought from participants with a pre and a post course questionnaire. Feedback was very positive (e.g. most of the participants would have liked to continue the course and their confidence in cooking has improved, as well as knowledge about nutrition).	Green
Offer opportunity for Service Users of Unpaid Work Service to grow food, develop knowledge and skills associated with growing vegetables within the Auchentibber Allotment and undertake food growing work in response to referrals from community growers/gardens	Evidence of the work undertaken in relation to such referrals	Unpaid Work Placements were suspended due to COVID restrictions. Since the end of the lockdown period in April, work with community growers remains restricted even if some of them are taking place (e.g. with the Community Orchard of Bonny Blantyre). The Educational Gardener project is also progressing at Auchentibber with the aim of "seed to plate".	Red

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food at Home and in the Community

Reducing food poverty and insecurity

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Increase the uptake of free school meals in secondary schools	Activities/initiatives to increase the uptake of free schools meals	Initiatives were shelved as a result of COVID with the decision instead to make regular payments to families with children eligible for free school meals.	Green
Continue to assess applications made to the Scottish Welfare Fund in two working days	Annual award granted	In recognition of the impact of the pandemic on household incomes, the Scottish Government significantly increased Scottish Welfare Fund funding to help mitigate the increased demand on the fund in 2020/2021. In SLC, demands on the service increased substantially with Crisis Grant applications increasing by 50% in 2020/2021 compared to the previous year and Community Care Grant applications increasing by 13%. In total, 17,731 applications were received with 10,247 awards being made amounting to £3.501m. This translates into an additional spend of £1.287m (58%) with Crisis Grants up £0.211m (73%) and Community Care Grants up £1.076m (56%) compared to the previous year.	Green

Good Food in the Public Sector

Improving food in schools and in council properties

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Meet the new regulation for Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in schools	New regulation met by 26th October 2020	The date for the implementation of the new regulation for Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in schools was postponed to April 2021 due to the pandemic. This new target timescale has been met, with the new menu introduced into schools.	Green

Good Food in the Public Sector

Improving food in schools and in council properties

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
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	The service priorities have changed as a result of COVID and actions to achieve the award were delayed.	Red
	Action plan to achieve bronze in year 2 developed by 31 March 2022	The service priorities have changed as a result of COVID and actions to achieve the award were delayed.	Red
Meet the Healthy Living Award in Council properties	Award achieved by December 2020	This initiative was delayed due to COVID-19.	Red
Promote a food pledge aligned with the SL Good Food definition for food served in Council properties	Food pledge promoted by March 2021	Food pledge for school lunches is promoted through menus and is available on the Council website. The food pledge includes commitments related to food safety, health, allergies, country of origin, education, and sustainability including waste, and animal welfare.	Green
Evaluate and increase the procurement of local food and sustainable food to be served in Council properties	Baseline developed to assess food served in Council properties	This initiative has been delayed with COVID-19 and the emergence of competing priorities. Nonetheless, a council working group on Sustainable Food Procurement has been established and options to build a baseline are being identified.	Amber
	Actions to improve food in Council properties	This initiative has been delayed with COVID-19 and the emergence of competing priorities. Nonetheless, a council working group on Sustainable Food Procurement has been established to look at options for improving food in Council properties.	Amber

Good Food in the Public Sector

Improving food in public places

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Work with specific partners to explore opportunities to improve the food they serve so that it is aligned with SL Good Food definition	Demonstrated initiatives developed by partners showing attempt to move towards good food and development of criteria to assess them	On-going work as part of the Sustainable Food Procurement working group which includes representatives from NHS and SLLC.	Green
Work with specific Council services and partners to explore opportunities to support the development of a breastfeeding-friendly environment in public places	Demonstrated activities showing attempt to improve breastfeeding environment and development criteria to assess them	Delayed due to COVID-19, given the closure of public places.	Red
Seek to establish a baseline to monitor public procurement spending in local food (i.e. food produced or manufactured in Scotland and in Lanarkshire)	Demonstrated activities showing attempt to establish a baseline to monitor spending in food produced or manufactured in Lanarkshire and in Scotland	A council Sustainable Food Procurement working group has been established with a aim of sourcing more local food for public places including schools, council café and selected SLLC premises.	Green

Good Food Economy

Supporting a good food retail and catering environment

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Engage with the Scottish Government during consultation on National Planning Framework 4 to understand opportunities to consider health criteria in determining planning applications. In particular explore the role of the planning system to restrict the location of hot food outlets near schools and their proliferation in town and neighbourhood centres	Representations to the Scottish Government on proposed NPF4 by Spring 2021	The Scottish Government consultation on the proposed NPF4 has been delayed due to COVID. It is expected that a draft will be published for consultation in the Autumn of 2021.	Red
Organisation of an annual event for local food and drink producers including a workshop focusing on exploring opportunities to develop short, fair and sustainable value chains	Demonstrated activities showing attempt to support the development of alternative food retail and distribution options	The annual event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the Good Food Strategy with funding from Scotland Food and Drink. This was cancelled and used instead to support outdoor market events in some SL towns.	Red

Good Food Economy

Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Organisation of an annual event for local food and drink producers including a workshop focusing on public procurement of local food	Demonstrated activities showing attempt to increase public procurement of local food	A working group on Sustainable Food Procurement was established in February 2021 and is considering options (local offer) and logistical aspects (tendering process) to increase public spending towards local food.	Green
Facilitate (logistics and communications) the organisation of a South Lanarkshire Food Week in collaboration with businesses and other stakeholders	Evidence of increased connections among businesses	The annual event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the Good Food Strategy with funding from Scotland Food and Drink and was cancelled given the COVID restrictions. However, some of the funding is being used to support the development of a new local network of food and drink businesses in Lanarkshire called "Lanarkshire Larder".	Green
Facilitate (logistics and communication) the organisation of a South Lanarkshire Food Week in collaboration with businesses and other	Sales/turnover of participating food and drink producers	The annual event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the Good Food Strategy with funding from Scotland Food and Drink and was cancelled given the COVID restrictions. Other options to promote local food in South Lanarkshire to residents and visitors are being considered by the Economic Development Team including a competition through social media and online events.	Red

Good Food Economy

Encouraging a fair and inclusive local food economy

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
stakeholders	Impact of the Food Week on people participating regarding their awareness of local production/producers	The annual event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the Good Food Strategy with funding from Scotland Food and Drink and was cancelled given the COVID restrictions. Other options to promote local food in South Lanarkshire to residents and visitors are being considered by the Economic Development Team, including a competition through social media and online events. Events with community groups are also being organised to educate people about SLC local food and drink.	Red
Organisation of an annual event for local food and drink producers including workshops focusing on good food practices	Demonstrated activities showing attempt to support the development of good food practices in the private sector	The annual event was supposed to be organised following the launch of the Good Food Strategy with funding from Scotland Food and Drink and was cancelled given the COVID restrictions.	Red

Good Food Growing

Providing food growing opportunities

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Identify and develop new sites in the Council's areas to meet demand for food growing	Increased number of people participating in food growing on Council land in order to progress towards compliance with legislative targets	Number of people participating in food growing has increased with a new allotment site in Fernbrae Meadows (69 users) and in Lammermoor (50 users), and 70 raised beds installed in Murray Recreation in East Kilbride. Discussions have also started with regard to a number of potential community orchards in parks across South Lanarkshire. Moreover, connections between individuals on the council waiting list for allotment and community growing projects have been facilitated.	Green
Develop a Council wide Open Space Strategy which will include assessment of the current quality and location of food growing opportunities and identify potential suitable areas where new or improved provision could be appropriate	Open Space Strategy approved by Spring 2021	The preparation of an Open Space Strategy will become a statutory duty as a requirement of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019. A Scottish Government consultation on related regulations has been delayed as a result of Covid and the Scottish Parliament elections and was not published until end of May. This measure will be progressed once clearer guidance is available. In the meantime audit work on the existing open space provision is being carried out.	Red

Good Food Growing

Providing food growing opportunities

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Protect Prime Agriculture Land from development as required by Scottish Planning Policy and Local Development Plan	Protection of existing 89 ha of prime agricultural land within South Lanarkshire and annual monitoring of any loss of prime land to development	No prime agricultural land was lost to development.	Green
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	Consideration and where appropriate incorporation of community aspirations for the provision of food growing areas within Local Place Plans to increase provision of food growing opportunities	Scottish Government consultation on the associated regulations on Local Place Plans has been delayed due to COVID. A consultation was published mid March with a closing date at the end of May. It is expected that the legislation and associated regulations will come into force in late 2021.	Red

Good Food Growing

Promoting good food growing and sustainability

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Facilitate food growing learning and development in the Council's area	Evidence of network learning and community benefits derived as part of the Food Growing Group activities	<p>Connections between individuals and community projects across South Lanarkshire have been encouraged as well as access to funding and learning opportunities with for instance (selected activities during Q3 and Q4):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-580 people from South Lanarkshire Council allotment waiting list referred to Clydesdale Community Initiative's online Gardener's Den educational resource-3 waiting list applicants referred to local community growing opportunities to expand their skills and experience-link established between Education and NHS resources to Greening Camglen's school mentoring and training initiative for schools in Cambuslang and Rutherglen-151 waiting list applicants and 41 ploholders in Rutherglen / Cambuslang were referred to Healthy n Happy/ Grow 73's Let's Talk About Growing online sessions-255 ploholders referred to Clydesdale Community Initiative's potato day event-link established between GreeningCamglen with EK Development Trust to co-ordinate a more comprehensive seed exchange-Members of the Food Growing Group were referred to National Lottery Plant and Share month events for distribution to wider networks.	Green

Good Food Growing

Promoting good food growing and sustainability

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Consider opportunities to increase biodiversity and reduce climate change impact at new and existing sites	Impact of these initiatives on biodiversity and climate change (number of initiatives and type and scale of impacts)	<p>Sustainable practices have been actively promoted and supported with for instance (selected activities during Q3 and Q4):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Distribution of wildflower seed packs to plant in agreed locations within council run food growing sites-creation and distribution of a biodiversity and sustainability factsheet to 255 ploholders-19 allotment associations and community growing groups referred to the South Lanarkshire Bee Keepers for talks on increasing pollination on food growing sites-two composting toilets installed at Ferbrae Meadows/Lammermoor allotments-water harvesting systems ordered for installation at Murray Recreation raised bed site, Fernbrae Meadows and Lammermoor (currently under construction)-composting station under construction by ploholders at Murray Recreation raised bed site-Provision of chipper to Allers allotments to allow the composting of all green waste and to reduce/eradicate the need for ongoing waste uplifts.	Green

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food for the Environment

Reducing food waste and packaging

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	Participation studies and potential extension to food waste collection services (rural areas) were suspended as a result of the pandemic. All available resources were redeployed to front-line collection services to enable them to continue as scheduled. This was also the case for the Scottish Government's project in this regards.	Red
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 2021	Schools across the country were closed as a result of the pandemic. As a consequence the Waste Education have been unable to deliver the programme during 2020-21. Moreover, the team has been used to support other waste related activities resulting from the pandemic.	Red
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	The service has replaced single use straws and cutlery and is now working towards replacing single-use bottles.	Green

Good Food Governance

Developing and strengthening food partnerships

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Facilitate information sharing around Good Food practices in South	Establish an appropriate communication forum/channel to facilitate info sharing and peer learning	Communication is still taking place through emails. No specific platform was developed due to the limits of GDPR rules. However, GRPR compliant options are still being explored.	Red

Good Food Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Good Food Governance

Developing and strengthening food partnerships

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Lanarkshire	Impact of the new communication channel (traffic and relevance)	Communication is still taking place through emails. No specific platform was developed due to the limits of GDPR rules. However, GRPR compliant options are still being explored.	Red
Facilitate partnership working with food stakeholders	Presence of an active multi-stakeholder food partnership	The multi-stakeholder food partnership was paused and a food network with organisations involved in emergency food provision was established instead in November 2020. The network met every 2/3 months and consisted of 16 organisations including food banks and community food organisations. The multi-stakeholders and cross-sectors partnership has resumed in June 2021 with the organisation of the South Lanarkshire Good Food Forum.	Green
	Development of Terms of Reference for the food partnership	The multi-stakeholder food partnership was paused and a food network with organisations involved in emergency food provision was established instead in November 2020.	Red
Actions derived from these connections that support the objectives of the food strategy and assessment of their impact	Actions derived from theses connections that support the objectives of the food strategy and assessment of their impacts	The creation of the networks in November 2020 led to several initiatives (e.g. publication of the Good Food Recipe booklet, publication of a map of local food organisations, organisation of workshops with external partners to discuss dignity principles during food emergency provision, training for food bank employees and volunteers about fuel poverty).	Green

Making good food a priority in the council's area

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Establish a Food Steering Group for monitoring, advisory and	Presence of an active steering group	The Climate Change and Sustainability steering group was created in summer 2020 for monitoring, advisory and decision making around food activities and initiatives.	Green

Good Food Governance

Making good food a priority in the council's area

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
decision making	Development of Terms of Reference for the steering group	Guidance are provided by the new Climate Change and Sustainability steering group and Committee established in summer 2020 and ToR were developed. Terms of reference were also developed for the Sustainable Food Procurement group.	Green
Develop action plan for the Community Planning Partnership	Action plan validated by partners and implemented by March 2021	Key food related actions were included in the CPP action plan 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 making food insecurity issues and access to food growing a priority for partners.	Green
Join the UK network Sustainable Food Places	Membership achieved by March 2021 to guarantee a high profile of food initiatives	Regular contacts were made with Sustainable Food Places through the year and advice and support received to improve food governance in South Lanarkshire. However, the application was delayed and postponed to June 2021.	Amber

Examples and case studies of key initiatives and activities developed during the COVID-19 period

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1- Role of the Wellbeing line and Community Partnership working in food provision

The Wellbeing line was established in April 2020 as a point of contact for those impacted and needing support as a result of the pandemic. Callers to the line were linked to their local community through the Community Engagement Team and thus enabled to access any help they need. A holistic conversation helped to identify any additional support which could be offered such as signposting to financial advice services. In particular, the Community Engagement Team dealt with 3,099 food related requests over the last year.

Case study 1: Support provided following a call to the Wellbeing line

This case study below is written from the viewpoint of one of the Community Engagement Team officers

We received a call through the helpline from a gentleman who had recently lost his job. He had no money and needed food but was so embarrassed to phone and ask for help. During the conversation, the gentleman was speaking about how he had to hand his car back due to financial difficulties and had no bus fare to travel to and from work if he was lucky enough to get a new job.

We referred the request for food to a local community organisation who called the gentleman to discuss his specific food requirements. During the conversation the gentleman explained his situation and they went on to tell him about other online services that they offer for mental health, relaxation and a zoom call once a week with other people for a chat.

After discussion, the community group volunteers agreed that they wanted to give the gentleman additional support and buy him a new bike with money from donations that they had received. They contacted a local retailer and explained the situation and were given 50% off a bike and helmet.

They delivered the bike and helmet to the gentleman who cried and could not believe the generosity of the people in his community. He got a job not long after and kept in touch with the organisation about how the bike meant that he was able to cycle to work and go for bicycle rides on country roads which helped his mental health.

The gentleman now volunteers for that organisation delivering food and helping around the shop and believes that this is him giving something back as he had no idea these services were available until he needed help.

2- “Kitchen Learning Hub” Cooking and Nutrition Course for Auchentibber Community Payback Centre delivered in partnership with Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership

Unpaid Work Services (Social Work) offer to offenders the opportunity to participate to the Kitchen Learning Hub (KLH). KLH is an ongoing practical cooking and nutrition course among the therapeutic, group work or vocational learning that offenders can attend as part of their Community Payback Orders. The 30 hours course is run by a qualified nutritionist from Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership at the Auchentibber Centre in South

Lanarkshire. In the short-term, the session aims at teaching participants how to cook healthy and balanced meals from scratch and to provide nutritional education. In the long term, the objective is to improve the quality of participants' diet and health and increase their employability by learning new skills.

In response to the pandemic, sessions were running virtually over Microsoft Teams. Participants were delivered a food parcel in the morning before each session which contained all the ingredients required to make a meal, along with a recipe card and nutrition fact sheet. Between August 2020 and March 2021, over 60 KLH sessions were delivered to 33 participants, covering 26 different nutrition topics and 30 recipes.

The evaluation of the course has shown that 100% of participants enjoyed all the KLH sessions. Moreover, at the end of the course, 100% of participants rated themselves as either very confident or confident at cooking. Additionally, knowledge of participants about nutrition strongly increased by attending the course.

Case study 2: Benefits of the Kitchen Learning Hub

Background: Participant A was a middle-aged woman with type 2 diabetes. Initially, she was nervous about joining the class. She was anxious about doing group work and had little cooking experience, opting for take away meals instead almost daily. She knew very little about nutrition, but she was aware that she had to improve her diet for her health and for the health of her children.

During KLH: Participant A was initially shy and didn't talk much during classes. However, as her confidence in cooking grew, she became more open and joined in discussions more frequently. She discovered that she thoroughly enjoyed cooking, taking great pride in her dishes and being able to provide healthy meals for her family. During classes she also covered how to make some of her favourite take away dishes at home, which she began to do regularly. Through KLH she learnt how to use a computer and Microsoft teams, which prepared her for online job interviews. She said that the classes also helped with her mental health, giving her a structure and purpose to her day.

After KLH: As a direct result of her newfound confidence and computer skills, she was able to apply for a job, do an online interview and start employment. Although this meant that she had to leave KLH, she has continued cooking and teaching the recipes she has learnt to her children.

Picture 1: Photographs of dishes made by offenders during the Kitchen Learning Hub cooking and nutrition education course. From row top to bottom: Christmas dinner, Kung pao chicken and ribbon salad, chicken schnitzel, mashed potato and cabbage salad, Pad Thai, moussaka, paella, Greek kebabs.



3- Initiatives developed by Healthy Valleys to ensure food provision in rural area during the pandemic

Healthy Valleys is a community-led initiative that supports communities in rural South Lanarkshire. They focus on providing opportunities for local people to improve their health and wellbeing and build stronger communities in areas of deprivation or where there are service gaps.

Healthy Valleys responded rapidly to Covid-19. Their priority was to ensure that beneficiaries known to be living with food insecurity were not left without access to food. To address immediate need, 1,663 healthy prepared meals were delivered to the homes of individuals and families across rural South Lanarkshire in partnerships with local businesses and partner agencies.

Following on from the delivery of meals Healthy Valleys identified a need within rural communities for access to fresh ingredients to top up ambient shielding boxes and provided 1,494 fresh food boxes to local families. Deliveries included fresh fruit, vegetables, milk, bread, cold meat and cheese. 160 hours of dedicated volunteering supported the deliveries of these boxes. Moreover, 230 individuals were supported by Healthy Valleys to access emergency food via Clydesdale Foodbank in the first five months of the pandemic.

Moving on from doorstep delivery in May 2020, Healthy Valleys began to work in partnership with SLC to provide access to two Community Larders. In total, 5,502 bags of food supplied by SLC were sourced for free in two sites (Rigside Community Hall and Smyllum). Healthy Valleys purchased a vehicle to allow for mobile delivery in one of the two larders and to provide doorstep deliveries to those unable to attend. During times of shielding, lonely and isolated adults received doorstep contact by staff and volunteers delivering soup and scones directly to their homes.

Over and above the direct provision of food, in the most difficult of times, Healthy Valleys adapted to online service delivery which enabled them to continue to offer cooking courses and food waste management support.

Case study 3: Role of the Community Larders set up by Healthy Valleys

Background: An elderly man living in a rural Clydesdale village has been living alone for many years, has mobility issues and finds it very difficult to access support due to his own sense of pride. He is also struggling financially and does not go out often to go shopping as he cannot afford to travel for food or access the local town due to travel costs.

Intervention: The man was unknown to Healthy Valleys before they commenced the larders. At one larder, a Healthy Valleys staff and volunteer decided to knock on some doors in the vicinity of the larder to see if anyone required help - the man says he is now very glad he answered his door that day.

Before the larder came to his area, he was very scared and worried about his situation as he was not in the habit of, or keen to, access services or helplines. Through accepting support from Healthy Valleys staff at the Larder, he became aware of other support agencies and how to access them.

Outcome: Due to the continued support from Healthy Valleys via weekly larders the man feels his situation has improved significantly, even during this pandemic- almost because of it. The support from Healthy Valleys has reduced some of his anxieties and fears, as he is now aware of other support available to him.

The man is now quite chatty and more forthcoming; he now calls some of his neighbours from the larder to ask if they need anything taken back. He comments “It’s good to be of some use and I like making sure my neighbours are ok. -it makes me feel that I’m helping.” He also likes to help staff and volunteers at the larder.

He has promised that he will come to the Community Health Cafes when they can open again. “Knowing you are here every week is of great comfort. The food, and not having to travel so far, is a real help”.

The intervention and support from Healthy Valleys created the following positive outcomes:

- Increased self confidence
- Less lonely and isolated
- Reduced food poverty
- Increased sense of self-worth/belief
- Increased community connections
- Reduced anxiety
- Increase in overall wellbeing.

4- Local food support at St Paul’s Primary School

Staff at St Paul’s Primary School in Hamilton identified the need within the community for more local food support and the local food bank was not easily accessible for families as it is situated at the other end of the town. As a result, the school has formed a partnership with the local food bank and have set up their own local pop-up food bank in the local church each week. The food bank provides bags of food, and the school has secured support from local companies who provide fresh food weekly. This is run by the school’s linked Youth Family and Community Learning Officer and some local volunteers. The local pop-up food bank has been vital in supporting families during the remote learning period.

Case study 4: Testimonies from parents and carers about the local pop-up food bank

“St Paul’s foodbank is well stocked and run by the school. The school are doing a great job and really meeting the needs of the community.”

“I couldn’t manage without the help of this foodbank, as I can’t travel across Hamilton.”

“You don’t know what this means to me, I have been made redundant recently and we are really struggling. This has been a life saver.”

Picture 2: Food distribution at St Paul’s Primary School



5- Local network of organisations involved in emergency food provision

With support from the council, local food organisations involved in emergency food provision and partners have been meeting regularly to discuss challenges and share good practices around food insecurity and support provided to people in need.

In particular, this led to the organisation of a workshop delivered by the national organisation Nourish Scotland to discuss dignity principles in the context of emergency food provision with food stakeholders in South Lanarkshire. The workshop provided an interactive and engaging opportunity to reconsider how to adapt practices to ensure dignity when it comes to emergency food provision. In total, 26 participants from South Lanarkshire attended the workshop including council employees (Social Work, Community Engagement Team, Youth Family and Community Learning service, and schools), third sector organisations (food banks and community organisations) and partners (NHS).

Case study 5: Actions that will be undertaken by participants to enhance dignity during food distribution in South Lanarkshire

At the end of the workshop, participants said that they will take actions to ensure that their services enhance dignity and in particular, they said that they will:

- "Provide more choice
- Adopt an holistic approach
- Listen to people needs and keep them part of the decision
- Listen to feedback
- Probably move towards giving vouchers instead of excess food
- Take opportunities to listen to people's need to make them feel valued
- Provide food choice and diversity
- Be more flexible
- Definitely think about the dignity principles when planning
- Will check that the dignity principles are respected when planning
- Whole person approach
- Connect with local organisation who has food larders to see if they can contribute with fresh products to them (and not just the food bank)
- Staff training/input, share knowledge, work with other
- Raise awareness about dignity principles, incorporate them into planning
- Involve community (surveys)"

Report

Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	25 August 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Revising the Biodiversity Strategy and Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan 2018 to 2022
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ update the Committee on the Council's biodiversity activity and propose a postponement of one year to the revision of the two biodiversity Council plans.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the revised timeframe for completing the development of the Council's Biodiversity Strategy and Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan, as outlined on section 3.10 be approved; and
- (2) that the proposal to prepare a 1-year Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan for 2022/2023 be approved.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 places a duty on public bodies in Scotland to further the conservation of biodiversity. This biodiversity duty is about taking care of nature all around us, not just in specific protected sites or for particular species.
- 3.2. The Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 (commonly known as the WANE Act), requires every public body in Scotland to produce a publicly available report, on compliance with the Biodiversity Duty. The Council has complied with the statutory reporting requirement since its introduction in 2014.
- 3.3. The Council has a significant influence on biodiversity as a major landowner, as a Planning Authority and through the impacts of its wider service delivery. Direct Council delivery of the biodiversity duty is managed and monitored through the Council's Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan (BDIP).
- 3.4. The BDIP sets out objectives and outcomes that have been agreed with Resource representatives. The BDIP represents the Council's statement of its delivery against the biodiversity duty; monitoring of the BDIP informs the Council's statutory reporting to the Scottish Government.

- 3.5. The Biodiversity Partnership brings together various groups including Government agencies, advisory bodies and Non-Governmental Organisations with an interest in biodiversity in South Lanarkshire. Key partners include NatureScot (previously Scottish Natural Heritage), Scottish Forestry, Green Action Trust and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.
- 3.6. The Council is a key member of the South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Partnership and has produced a Biodiversity Strategy which sets an agreed framework for furthering the conservation of biodiversity across South Lanarkshire. The Strategy focuses on key ecosystems and sets out objectives and actions for delivery by various partners.
- 3.7. Both biodiversity documents cover the five-year period 2018 – 2022, and therefore preparation of new plans for 2023-2028 should now be commencing. However, the proposal to postpone the production of new documents to 2023 and therefore have plans in place for the period 2024-2029 will allow cognisance of a new Scottish Biodiversity Strategy to be taken for the reasons set out below.
- 3.8. The UN Biodiversity Conference (CoP15) will be held in China in October 2021; this international meeting is expected to negotiate new targets that will replace the existing Aichi targets. There are 20 Aichi targets which generally aim to address the causes of biodiversity loss, for example reducing loss of natural habitats, improving the sustainability of agriculture, and reducing pollution. The new framework will outline what countries need to do to set a course for the overall vision of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity of “living in harmony with nature” by 2050.
- 3.9. The Scottish Government is continuing to develop a new biodiversity framework, goals and targets to 2030. Some commitments have already been made internationally and agreed to in Scotland, for example to designate 30% of Scotland’s land and sea by 2030.
- 3.10. The Scottish Government has committed to publishing a new, policy-focused Scottish Biodiversity Strategy no later than 12 months after CoP15; by October 2022. This will replace existing plans and reflect international goals. Postponing the revision of the South Lanarkshire biodiversity plans will allow the Council to align with the direction of travel in Scotland and ensure our objectives contribute to national and international targets.
- 3.11. As a consequence of postponing the development of the next Biodiversity Strategy, a one-year Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan will be developed for 2022/2023. This will be a continuation of existing objectives and actions as they remain relevant to South Lanarkshire and continue to contribute to local and national biodiversity targets. This will encompass outstanding actions from the two existing plans alongside any potential new projects that tie in with existing themes. Given this is in effect a continuation of the approved plan with associated actions, it is considered that this ‘interim’ 2022/2023 plan does not require, in this instance, a separate Committee approval. However, progress will be reported through the normal IMPROVE reporting framework

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. The Council’s biodiversity officer currently prepares the biodiversity documents in conjunction with all Council Resources and the Biodiversity Partnership.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. There are no additional revenue implications associated with the production of these documents.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 6.1. Improvements to biodiversity have the potential to help mitigate the effects of climate change for example through natural flood management and carbon storage. There is also a need for biodiversity to be improved to make natural systems better able to cope with the impacts of a changing climate, such as improving habitat networks to increase species resilience.
- 6.2. Biodiversity actions are incorporated in the Council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy. Measures are reported on through statutory Climate Change Duties.
- 6.3. The existing Biodiversity Strategy and BDIP have both undergone a full Strategic Environmental Assessment. The Environmental Reports and post-adoption statements are available on the Council website.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. Reporting requirements under the biodiversity duty have implications for all Resources. Targets and measures set out in the Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan are agreed with all Resources through their representatives on the Sustainability Development Co-ordination Group. The Countryside and Greenspace Section offer support and guidance for all Resources and undertake the collation of measures and preparation of the statutory reports.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. Equality impact assessments were carried out for the existing SL Biodiversity Strategy and the SLC Biodiversity Implementation Plan.

Michael McGlynn

Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

2 August 2021

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

- ◆ SL Biodiversity Strategy and Biodiversity Implementation Plan: Community and Enterprise Resources Committee – 22 May 2018
- ◆ Edinburgh Declaration: Climate Change and Sustainable Development Committee – 28 Apr 2021.
- ◆ Biodiversity Duty Report: Climate Change and Sustainable Development Committee – 4 Nov 2020.

List of Background Papers

- ◆ [South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Strategy](#)
- ◆ [Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan](#)
- ◆ [Biodiversity Duty Reports](#)
- ◆ [Scottish Biodiversity Strategy](#)

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Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	25 August 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	COVID-19 Memorial – Tree Planting
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the paper is to: -

- ◆ Seek Committee approval for the planting of fruit trees in 13 locations across South Lanarkshire as a memorial to those who passed away due to COVID-19

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the proposal to plant fruit trees at 13 locations across South Lanarkshire as a memorial to those who passed away due to COVID-19, funded from the £300,000 Food Strategy Fund be approved.

3. Background

3.1. Members may recall that as part of the 2021/2022 Revenue Budget approved on the 24 February 2021, £300,000 was allocated to promote alternative food growing within the Council area – Food Strategy Support Fund. As part of the wider Climate Change fund, it was agreed at the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on the 28 April 2021 that proposals for the funds would be governed by the Climate Change & Sustainability Officer Steering Group which comprises senior officers from all Resources. At the meeting of the Steering Group on 6 June 2021, it was agreed that £15,000 of the £300,000 Food Strategy Support Fund be allocated to support a proposal that would combine alternative food growing and provide a memorial to recognise those who have passed away due to COVID.

4. Proposal

4.1. There has been a level of community interest in how best to recognise the loss of life due to COVID and given the sensitivities around such a matter there are undoubtedly a number of approaches to respectfully do this. This proposal before members today is not to the exclusion of others that may come forward from other parties however in developing the proposal it is hoped that it will provide a memorial local to communities for reflection and contribute to wider community objectives. In this regard the proposal is framed around the following:-

- ◆ officially recognise, on a local basis, those who have passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic
- ◆ 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.
 - ◆ compliment the work of the Council's Biodiversity objectives by supporting a range of actions around increasing biodiversity as reported annually through the Councils' 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
- 4.2. Consideration was given to planting trees in each and every settlement across the Council area. However, the view was reached that it would be more appropriate to concentrate planting within a larger park setting and the number of trees to be planted in each location would provide a degree of scale and presence, fitting of a memorial. On this basis it is proposed to plant fruit trees in 11 district parks and 2 Country Parks estimated to be 62 trees per location. A list of the locations is provided in Appendix 1.
- 4.3. Given that specific areas will require to be identified within each park the final number of fruit trees to be planted will be based on the number of registered COVID-19 deaths on 19 July 2021 (798), as being the date South Lanarkshire moved to Level Zero. It is appreciated that unfortunately there have been further deaths since that date however it was considered appropriate to select a date based on changes to restrictions.
- 4.4. The trees will not be dedicated to individual residents who have passed away rather it will be a general remembrance across a range of locations where relatives and family could attend and reflect. No memorials would be allowed in these planted areas to ensure they are accessible to all and complement activities already available in the parks.
- 4.5. The above approach is consistent with the report on Unauthorised Memorials and Commemorations in Parks and Open Spaces approved at the Community Resources Committee on 21 August 2007 that restricted memorials to Cemeteries and the Crematorium
- 4.6. Grounds Services have confirmed that they have ongoing contacts with local groups in 8 of the 13 proposed locations that actively participate in work within these parks and would propose to engage with them on approval by Committee to agree/discuss the details of the proposed locations. Discussion with South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture will take place regarding 3 of the remaining 5, leaving no obvious community groups in the remaining 2, however, investigations will continue in consultation with the Community and Engagement Team. A list of the groups is included in Appendix 1.
- 4.7. The provision of these orchards will be added to the agenda of the next meeting of the Good Food and Food Growing group, thereby ensuring that the groups represented are aware of the areas and can promote the availability of fruit in future years. Discussions will also be held with Education and Social Work Resources with regard to how schools and social work clients could be involved in the management of the sites and use of the fruit that will be produced.
- 4.8. It should also be noted that this proposal will provide fruit trees in Green Flag parks and the Country parks, which aligns with the original proposals for these funds. The remainder of the budget (£3,000) will be targeted at the other areas identified e.g. Eco Schools and in Social Work residential properties.

- 4.9. It is noted that consideration is being given to a further memorial at the Headquarters office in Hamilton and this will be reported separately when this is developed further.
- 4.10. Discussions will also be held with Corporate Communication on how the tree planting proposal can be promoted and could be aligned with any official memorial proposed at the Headquarters offices.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1. The service is progressing with site visits to identify proposed areas within the 13 locations that could accommodate approximately 62 fruit trees and will progress the following if the proposal is approved:-

- ◆ Confirm with Corporate Communication a press campaign
- ◆ Contact 8 groups, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture and Community, Engagement Team regarding groups for the other 2 sites
- ◆ Continue to investigate source 800+ trees
- ◆ Link to Good Food Network and Food Growing Group to identify groups that could help manage locations and use fruit produced in future years
- ◆ Consider how local groups/ schools/social work clients could be encouraged to take part in the planting programme
- ◆ Consider how local groups/ schools/ social work clients could be involved in the harvesting process

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. Although there are no additional employee implications with regard to this proposal, staff will be required to be redirected to deliver/ support the tree planting programme across the 13 locations.
- 6.2. 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.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. The 2021/2022 Revenue Budget was approved by members at the South Lanarkshire Committee on 24 February 2021. In particular, a package of investments totalling £10.054 million was agreed, which included an allocation of £300,000 for Food Strategy Support Fund.
- 7.2. It is proposed that £15,000 of the £300,000 is set aside for the expansion of fruit trees across South Lanarkshire, with £12,000 being used to fund this proposal with the balance being used to increase fruit trees provision within the Education and Social Work Resources estates.
- 7.3. Early indications suggest that it may not be possible to source fruit trees in 2021 and therefore the planting will be undertaken as early as possible in 2022.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. 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.

- 8.2. It will also help to increase the proportion of tree canopy cover within South Lanarkshire and therefore carbon sequestration.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. The Council has received a number of queries regarding whether a COVID-19 memorial would be created within South Lanarkshire. Although this 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.
- 9.2. There is currently no availability of fruit trees within our existing frameworks and work is ongoing to source these. Timescales regarding availability and delivery are not known at this time.

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.

Michael McGlynn

Executive Director (Community & Enterprise Resources)

4 August 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Improve and maintain health and increase physical activity

List of background papers

- ◆ None

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District Parks

	Park	Location	Consultation Group
1	Overtoun Park	Rutherglen	Friends of Overtoun Park / Grow 73
2	Cambuslang Park	Cambuslang	Friends of Cambuslang Park
3	Stonefield Park	Blantyre	Bonnie Blantyre
4	Bothwell Road	Hamilton	Bothwell Road Action Group (BRAG)
5	Town Centre Park	East Kilbride	N/A
6	James Hamilton Heritage	East Kilbride	SLLC
7	Alexander Hamilton	Stonehouse	Friends of Stonehouse Park
8	Strathaven Park	Strathaven	Friends of Strathaven Park
9	Biggar Public Park	Biggar	Friends of the Burnbraes
10	Lanark Loch	Lanark	N/A
11	Castlebank Park	Lanark	Friends of Castlebank Park

Country Parks

1	Chatelherault Country Park	Hamilton	SLLC
2	Calderglen Country Park	East Kilbride	SLLC

Report

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Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	25 August 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022 to 2027 - Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ◆ Provide an update on the preparation of the next Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022 to 2027

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) the progress on the preparation the next Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022-27 be noted, and
- (2) the revised timeframe for completing the development of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022 to 2027 be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. The current sustainable development and climate change strategy is a five-year strategy that will end in March 2022. The Climate Change and Sustainability Committee approved the development of the next strategy on 17 September 2020. At this time, the committee were provided with a breakdown on the different stages involved in the preparation of the strategy – Review, Development, and Implementation - and an indicative timeframe for each of the stages.
- 3.2. The strategy will set out how the Council aims to develop sustainably and tackle climate change over a five-year period from April 2022 to March 2027. The strategy will also provide a broad strategic direction for longer term planning, beyond the five-year period, to help to deliver on agreed outcomes and contribute to achieving the longer-term vision
- 3.3. The preparation of the strategy is a comprehensive and lengthy process that consists of different stages and involves engagement, communication, and consultation with Council Services and employees, partners, relevant stakeholders, the business community, community groups and individuals.

4. Progress on the development of the strategy

4.1. The review stage is now complete, this involved:-

- ◆ an analysis of the Council's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats in relation to sustainable development and climate change. This also included reviewing progress made to date
- ◆ an analysis to identify any internal and external factors from five key areas - Political, Environmental, Social, Technology, Economic and Legislative - that will have implications for the current strategic approach in terms of sustainable development and climate change
- ◆ understanding all the key milestones, targets and legislative requirements that need to be included in the strategy and identifying
- ◆ reviewing the current vision and strategic outcomes and identifying any gaps in terms of outcomes and interventions in the current strategy

4.2. The preparation of the strategy is currently in the development stage. To date this has involved:-

- ◆ an internal workshop in February with officers from across the Council to identify future challenges and opportunities. It also provided an opportunity for 'creative thinking' which was informed by a guest speaker Chris Stark, CEO of the UK's Committee on Climate Change
- ◆ during March to June there have been a series of engagement sessions and focus groups. This has included a focus group in each of the geographical areas across South Lanarkshire, focus groups with specific community groups, the business sector, the voluntary sector, community planning partners, representatives from the Youth Council and Seniors Together. There have been 10 sessions in total and included over 100 people.
- ◆ meetings with all Resource Management Teams to discuss actions and interventions that need to happen to meet key milestones and targets, and ambitious and innovative interventions.
- ◆ work is in progress on the Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Equalities Impact Assessment

4.3. The findings from all engagement sessions and focus groups are currently being analysed and will help to shape the structure of the strategy - vision, outcomes and priorities. The findings will also form the basis of questions for a series of surveys with the general public, our young people, community groups, and the business sector. The surveys will provide a deeper dive into some of the key issues raised during the focus groups. This is a new step added to the preparation of the strategy to help to widen community engagement in the development of the strategy beyond the 100 people involved in the engagement sessions.

4.4. Initial findings from the engagement sessions have identified four key themes that are emerging: -

Emerging Theme	Overview	Key Priorities
People	People are at the heart of the vision of a sustainable South Lanarkshire's. Health and well-being are paramount, no one is disproportionately affected, it is a just transition to a net-zero future, inequalities and fuel poverty are reduced and there is harmony between society and nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Improving health and wellbeing- Good Food- Air Quality- Outdoor Access- Climate Justice- Resilience- Active Travel- Awareness raising and education- Reduce consumption- Heritage and Culture

Community and Place	Communities are empowered and invigorated to create sustainable, inclusive and thriving places, that are carbon-neutral, well connected, low carbon, energy efficiency and climate resilient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning for place - 20-minute neighbourhoods - Construction and infrastructure - Awareness raising and education - Empowering communities - Climate Adaptation and resilience - Sustainable transport and infrastructure - Community Wealth Building - Nature-based solutions - Food growing - Reduce, reuse and recycle - homes and buildings - Heritage and culture
Green Economy	Demonstrates leadership and innovation in our thriving low carbon and circular economy, protecting and enhancing our natural resources and the health and wellbeing of citizens, building community wealth, re-skilling and training, and leaving no one behind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green recovery - Circular economy - Wellbeing economy - Training and skills - Just transition - Awareness raising and education - Support the business sector
The Natural Environment	South Lanarkshire's natural environment, greenspace, and biodiversity is restored, protected, and respected, enabling basic needs like clean air, clean water, and healthy soils, as well as many other health and wellbeing and economic benefits for citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ecological emergency - Biodiversity - Land Management - Nature-based solutions - Awareness raising and education - Heritage and Culture

4.5. There are also several cross-cutting themes that are emerging, these include: - Procurement, Awareness raising and Education, Communication and Engagement, Heritage and Culture, Nature-based solutions.

4.6. The development stage included engagement with Councillors. Given that the outcome from the initial engagement with community groups and stakeholders is now complete, it is considered that the timing to undertake that engagement session with Members is now right. The format of this session will mirror those with the stakeholders and will seek to ascertain members views and how this should shape the strategy, its objectives and the Council's ambitions. In that way, it will differ from the previous awareness sessions delivered by officers. The details and date for this session are currently being finalised and members will be updated directly.

5. Next Steps

5.1. There has been a degree of slippage in the original timeframe due to the engagement sessions taking longer to arrange than first anticipated, however this was a vital element of the development of the strategy, therefore it was important to give this stage the appropriate time needed and push some of the other steps back. The original timeframe was indicative and had slippage time built in. The strategy is still on track to be launched for April 2022.

5.2. The next steps in the preparation of the strategy are outlined in the revised timetable:-

Next Steps	Original Timeframe	Revised Timeframe
Continue as planned with the SEA process and impact assessments	August 2021 – June 2022	August 2021 – June 2022
Finalise the analysis of the engagement sessions	July 2021	August 2021
Members Engagement Session	August	September 2021
New step: Prepare and issue surveys – 4 weeks end date		September 2021
Write first draft of the strategy	August 2021	October 2021
First draft of the new strategy presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee	August 2021	November 2021
Public consultation: 4 weeks	September - October 2021	November 2021
Consultation comments considered and reflected in final strategy as appropriate	October 2021	December 2021
Production of desk top designed version of final strategy and environmental statement	November to December 2022	December - March 2022
Implementation stage: Communication plan, prepare first year's plan (actions will have been agreed during the development stage), Raise awareness, Training	November 2021 – March 2022	December - March 2022
Final draft of the new strategy to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee for approval	December 2022	Feb 2022
Launch of new strategy	April 2022	April 2022

6. Employee Implications

6.1. Development of the next strategy will be a key task for the sustainable development officer with support and direction from the climate change and sustainability steering group. All Resources will have a responsibility to contribute to the implementation of the strategy to ensure that actions and targets are met.

7. Financial Implications

7.1. Financing the strategy will be explored during the development stage of the strategy and may need to be funded from a range of finance options. Some actions may be funded from existing Resource budgets, however the scale and pace of action needed to meet climate change targets and address the current climate crisis will require Capital investment and external funding and investment. The development of the strategy may help to leverage in additional funding and investment however alternative financial models may need to be considered.

7.2. Council Resources may require to further assess financial impacts and balance these against the social and environmental impacts in line with the principles of sustainable development and best value.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. Failure to meet sustainable development and climate change objectives is one of the Council's top risks, therefore, this strategy will help to mitigate that risk by providing a strategic approach, targets and timescales to tackling climate change and developing sustainably
- 9.2. The city region's climate risk and opportunities assessment that was prepared through Climate Ready Clyde will also be used in the development of the strategy to identify and mitigate potential risks and maximise opportunities that a changing climate poses.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. A public consultation on the strategy and the SEA will be undertaken. The strategy will also undergo an equalities impact assessment and a fairer Scotland assessment.

Michael McGlynn

Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

4 August 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

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

Previous References

- ♦ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee - 17 September 2020

List of Background Papers

- ♦ Sustainable Development Strategy 2017-2022

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Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy

Report

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Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date:	25 August 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Pesticide Free Council Motion - Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ◆ Provide an interim update on the trials carried out to date in advance of a final report due by the end of 2021

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendations: -

- (1) that report be noted, and
- (2) to note that a further report will be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

3. Background

3.1. On 16 December 2020, the Council considered a motion regarding a proposal for South Lanarkshire to become a Pesticide free Council. On 10 February 2021, the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee considered a report which outlined work undertaken which had been undertaken, in respect of the motion approved set out information in relation to a motion raised at the Council

3.2. One of the next steps set out in the report was that Grounds Services would continue to pilot and assess alternative weed control methods in conjunction with our partners in the APSE Grounds and Streets Advisory Group whilst looking at any options to further reduce the level of pesticide use. In that respect, a follow up report would be provided within 6 months detailing the outcomes associated with these trials.

3.3. The extent and time to evaluate the impact of these trials means that a full report will not be available until the end of the year. As such it was considered appropriate to provide this interim report with the purpose to provide an update on work completed to date.

4 Current Position

4.1. Ground Services whilst committing to a series of trials of alternative methods of weed control has in the main continued to use glyphosate on a range of surfaces in the absence of a reliable and affordable alternative. The Service has, however, reduced the application on areas such as grass verges where grass cutting maintenance is not affected. The Service has also amended the timetable for application in schools, providing this core function during school holidays.

- 4.2. The application continues to be carried out by trained operatives using a licensed and legal product through knapsacks, motorised vehicle (quad bikes), Stem injection and controlled droplet application (C.D.A.).
- 4.3. Grounds Services, identified as part of the next steps in the 10 February 2021 report, have signed up to the 'Amenity Forum'. The Council is now a member of the forum and through discussions have identified that it has a toolkit developed to evaluate pilots of this nature. An Integrated Management Form is part of the assessment tool provided by Amenity Forum and this will be completed and form part of the final report.
- 4.4. Discussion also continues with other local authorities particularly through our attendance and participation via the APSE Grounds and Streets Advisory Group within which South Lanarkshire are regularly seen as a key contributor. Grounds Services are currently discussing the outcomes of North Lanarkshire Council's decision earlier this year to ban the use of glyphosate and particularly the trials they are undertaking to assess alternative methods of weed control. Early indications would seem to suggest that this is severely affecting the effective control of weeds.
- 4.5. 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.

5. Trials

- 5.1. A number of trials are ongoing as we are still part way through the growing season although previous experience suggests that weather conditions dictate that less weed control is carried out later in the growing season.
- 5.2. The 4 main alternative methods trialled to date include:

Hot Foam

This method uses hot water applied directly onto the weed growth and this is complimented by adding a layer of foam which acts to keep the heat from the hot water which is designed to kill the weed at a higher temperature for a longer period thus enhancing the 'kill'. The foam is created from a natural plant-based oil and is mixed through when the water/steam as it is being applied

The unit required to heat the water/ apply the foam is currently on hire at a cost of approx. £1,000 per week (£23,000 to purchase). The level of kill achieved is not 100% and regrowth is seen to appear after 2 weeks at best. The treatment does not kill the root system which leads to this rapid regrowth. Glyphosate would normally be effective for between 8 and 12 weeks. Additional vehicle hire dedicated to supporting this operation is a further £200 per week.

The unit is using 1,000 litres of water every fill with approximately 4 fills required each day. Normal glyphosate usage would see water usage at approximately 90 litres. The hot water is generated by a diesel operated pump and heating system so increased CO2 emissions are experienced. Recent reports suggest this is 5 times the average family water usage.

This system does not kill the root of perennial weeds and grasses so repeat treatments are required. Manoeuvrability is cumbersome and, as the unit requires to be contained on a crewcab vehicle, the spraying operation is restrictive and is seen in some areas to cause issues for pedestrians safely accessing footpaths/pavements. The nozzle

used to apply the hot water/ foam is attached to the heating unit by way of a 50-metre hose and therefore the vehicle requires to be moved on a regular basis and in effect after 50 metres in each direction has been treated. This results in the treatment becoming a 2-person job. In addition, there are issues with vehicle movement, pedestrian safety and noise from the generator in built up areas for a period of time which would suggest that this alternative would not be appropriate for use in all areas requiring weed control.

Hot Steam

The use of this process was carried out as a demonstration at no cost to the Service. However, the purchase of the heating unit would be around £23,000 and similar to the hot foam treatment would also require a dedicated vehicle at approximately £200 per week and is likely to be a 2-person operation for similar reasons as the Hot Foam process.

Although similar to the Hot Foam system, this method does not incorporate the foam resulting in the hot water losing its heat more quickly and therefore not killing the weed as efficiently as the hot foam system. It is anticipated that regrowth will be rapid as this system does not affect the root system.

Whilst the unit has a smaller water tank it is expected that this will use in the region of 4,000 litres per day. Normal glyphosate usage would see water usage at approximately 90 litres. The hot water is generated by a diesel operated pump and heating system so increased CO₂ emissions are experienced. Recent reports suggest this is 5 times the average family water usage.

This system does not kill the root of perennial weeds and grasses so repeat treatments are required. Manoeuvrability is cumbersome and as the unit requires to be contained on a crewcab vehicle the spraying operation is restrictive and is seen in some areas to cause issues for pedestrians safely accessing footpaths/ pavements.

New Way Spray

New Way Spray is a form of non-selective herbicide and promoted as an alternative to Glyphosate. It mainly contains acetic acid which will control most weeds, grasses and moss for use on hard surfaces. This product is approved for use on hard surfaces to control moss, but not weeds. It is applied by way of a conventional knapsack but not via a motorised vehicle thus increasing operational time.

The product is new to the market and does identify a number of hazards which Glyphosate based products do not currently have. It is highlighted as being particularly dangerous if it gets into the eyes or is inhaled and therefore requires a higher level of PPE.

The product can effectively be described as a strong version of 'vinegar' with application rates at a high level. 5 litres of New Way will treat 200m² of land whilst 5 litres of glyphosate based weedkiller will treat 10,000m² of similar land. This would result in material costs per 10,000m² at £30 for glyphosate and £1,940 for New Way.

The effectiveness of the product is poor with rapid regrowth and in some instances no effect at all.

Mankar Ultra Low Volume Lance

Whilst this method continues to use glyphosate it is applied through a low volume lance which is very similar to a controlled droplet applicator (CDA). A 500ml bottle is

filled with undiluted Glyphosate and this is then fed by gravity through a lance to a high spinning head which produces a fine droplet applied to the surface of weeds.

The benefit of using this method is you still have the positive effectiveness associated with glyphosate however only half the product is required to cover an equivalent area.

Chemical cost would be reduced, on the basis that the current 2 applications are found to be sufficient, however. this will be a manual operation and not one that can be carried on some areas by use of quad therefore labour costs would increase substantially.

6. Summary and Next Steps

- 6.1. Whilst officers continue to review alternative methods nothing to date has suggested that any alternative method is more efficient, effective and they tend to result in varying degrees of additional costs or additional pressures on the environment through excess water use or increased carbon emissions.
- 6.2. In addition, officers continue to discuss with other local authorities through the APSE Grounds and Streets Advisory Group in relation to other methods which could be considered as a viable alternative.
- 6.3. Officers will complete existing trials in advance of the final report to be provided in late 2021.
- 6.4. Continue to source other alternative methods and where suitable and available test these fully in advance of any future decision on service provision.
- 6.5. Highlight to elected members when alternative methods are being used in their areas to see first-hand their use and effect.

7. Employee Implications

- 7.1. The extent of the trials and the failure of any to show a more efficient or effective process has resulted in employees being diverted from their current duties to support these and in particular the ongoing Hot Foam trial.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. Anticipated costs for the hire of the Hot Foam system are expected to be in the region of £15,000 over the course of the trial period. With an additional cost of approximately £5,000 for vehicles hire/ fuel this will result in additional overall costs of £20,000. This is a direct on cost as the Service has continued to deliver our core glyphosate operations.
- 8.2. These costs do not include additional staff time to undertake the trials and the increased requirement for retreatment. However, it should be noted that although there are no direct additional costs, the labour has been sourced from existing staff and therefore has reduced work done in other areas.

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 9.1. The implications identified through the trial of alternative methods are mainly around the extensive use of water in both the Hot Foam and Hot Water treatments and also the use of diesel-powered generators to heat the water.

10 Other Implications

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

11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. 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.

Michael McGlynn

Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

4 August 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Improve the quality of life of everyone in South Lanarkshire.
- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality thriving and sustainable communities

Previous References

- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council - 16 December 2020 – Pesticide Free Council
- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 10 February 2021 – Pesticide Free Council Update

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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Report

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Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	25 August 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Launch of Climate Change Action Logo
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Present to the Committee a new logo which has been developed to promote the council's work to recognise and tackle the climate emergency, and to encourage appropriate actions by residents and others

2. Recommendations

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendations:

- (1) that the logo, attached as Appendix 1, and how it will be used on Council materials be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. On 25 September 2019, following the consideration of a motion to the full Council, it was agreed that this Committee should be established as part of a statement of intent on the climate change emergency.
- 3.2. In recognition of the importance given to this issue by Elected Members, in February 2020, the Communications and Strategy service added Climate Change to the list of communications campaigns it carries out on behalf of Resources.
- 3.3. Previously, communications support for this area had been delivered on an ad hoc basis, principally in support of actions by officers responsible for leading on sustainability within Community and Enterprise Resources. As a formal campaign, the communications work in the area benefits from have a lead communications officer acting as an "account manager", liaising with relevant officers across the council and co-ordinating the efforts of all parts of the Communications and Strategy service.
- 3.4. Work carried out as part of the Climate Change communications campaign so far includes messaging on engine idling – now an annual campaign that, last winter, focused on the health benefits of switching off engines – and active travel – most recently related to cycle lane improvements in East Kilbride.

4. Development of a Climate Change Campaign Logo

- 4.1. Given not only the importance, but also the likely longevity of the council's work on climate change and, therefore, the campaign to support it, it was decided to develop

a logo. The intention being to create an image that could be applied to any materials relating to any aspect of the council's actions in this area

- 4.2 A logo of this nature should be eye-catching and immediately representative of the brand or message it represents. In a commercial situation, logos can summarise a company or product. In an example such as this, effective use of such a logo helps pull together different strands of work being undertaken by different parts of a large organisation under one umbrella.
- 4.3 The development of the logo was undertaken in-house by Communication and Strategy's Graphics team, working in consultation with the campaign lead and officers in Community and Enterprise Resources.
- 4.4 The concept was devised using behaviour change research that showed many people feel that the climate emergency is too big for them to make a difference. The research also showed that citizens need to see policy to help back up the behaviours we want from them. The idea of the logo is to add it to any webpages and printed material we have that relates to climate change. A citizen seeing a web page on recycling or picking up a leaflet about electric vehicle charging points will see the logo and know that what we are asking them to do relates directly to climate action.
- 4.5 The results of this work are presented at Appendix 1. This shows the logo on its own in larger scale and also in a variety of examples of how it might appear in context on materials produced for relevant parts of the council's work – posters, banners, online and on council reports.
- 4.6 As Committee members will see, the logo comprises an hour glass alongside the message that "Time is running out!" This represents the urgency of the climate change emergency and the need to address it now. Furthermore, the contents of the hourglass are the Earth itself, dripping down into the vacuum below. This is emphasised by the blue-green colour palette, though the words "Climate Change" stand out in bold orange – a colour acknowledged in marketing as a good colour for a call to action.
- 4.7 The design will lend the logo to a range of materials going forward. For example, it will work well online and in animation form. It is considered that, if used correctly and imaginatively, it will prove particularly popular with the younger audience that is a key audience for the Climate Change campaign.

5 Employee Implications

- 5.1 There are no employee implications as such, but the logo will be used on internal communications, where appropriate, to encourage staff awareness and positive actions in relation to climate change.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no additional financial implications.

7 Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1 The purpose of the logo is to promote the work of the council, and efforts undertaken alongside partners and our communities, in tackling climate change. By engaging with the public its aim is also to inspire others, especially local residents and businesses, to do their bit as part of the wider effort.

8 Other Implications

- 8.1 No other implications are expected.

9 Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 9.1 No SEA will be required. It is worth noting that while the logo may be used on printed materials, it is principally seen as a digital tool.

10 Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1 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.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

23 July 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Ensure communities are safe, strong and sustainable
- ◆ Promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and tackle disadvantage

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- None

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The Earth is dripping into the bottom of the hourglass, representing climate change causing flooding and extreme weather in all parts of the globe. Colour palette: blue and green natural colours with 'climate change' in orange reflecting global warming. A stark warning message alongside the hourglass. The examples below show how the graphic can be applied to existing and future council publications.



Document cover



Poster



Social media image



SL View photographic image



Outdoor banner

