

# Report

Report to:	<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>31 August 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Litter Strategy for South Lanarkshire</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval of the Litter Strategy for South Lanarkshire which will cover the period 2022 to 2027

## 2. Recommendation

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

- (1) that the Litter Strategy for South Lanarkshire for the period 2022 to 2027 be approved.

## 3. Background

3.1. The Climate Change and Sustainability Committee approved the development of a Council wide Litter Strategy on 10 February 2021. It was intended that the Strategy cover a five year period from 2022 to 2027.

3.2. The Strategy sets out a vision for South Lanarkshire and outlines how the Council will develop a range of plans and initiatives that will drive its commitment to preventing litter, dog fouling and fly tipping. It builds on a range of existing initiatives as well as complementing a range of national campaigns promoted by organisations such as Keep Scotland Beautiful and Zero Waste Scotland, whilst recognising anticipated guidance from the new National Litter and Fly Tipping Strategy due for publication in late 2022.

## 4. The Vision and Objectives of the Strategy

4.1. The development of the Litter Strategy involved a wide range of consultation, engagement and communication across the Council, with partners and communities, to identify opportunities and shared objectives. Through this collaborative process a clear vision and set of objectives has been developed.

The vision of the Litter Strategy for South Lanarkshire Council is:-

- ◆ To be a cleaner place to live, work and visit free of litter, fly-tipping and dog waste

The strategy will be underpinned by:-

- ◆ Encouraging awareness, behaviour change and personal responsibility
- ◆ Working in partnership with all stakeholders, communities and community groups

- ◆ Meeting legislative requirements of the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (Scotland) 2018

4.2. The Strategy has identified 3 broad themes with 15 further objectives supporting the delivery of the themes and vision.

### **Education**

- ◆ Provide information, awareness and guidance to the community
- ◆ Run local campaigns along with promotion of national content through Keep Scotland Beautiful and Zero Waste Scotland
- ◆ Encourage and promote education that leads to long-term positive attitudes to waste and littering
- ◆ Work in partnership with the local communities, community groups, council departments, education, and businesses
- ◆ Encourage engagement and the creation of Litter Prevention Action Plans
- ◆ Provide advice on duty of care requirements to residents

### **Engagement**

- ◆ Develop a Litter Bin Plan with mapping of current locations and future innovations
- ◆ Deliver an efficient and effective street cleansing service using zoning information
- ◆ Support local community groups and individuals with advice and the loan of equipment for litter picking
- ◆ Increase monitoring and mapping of fly tipping occurrences to identify hotspots
- ◆ Increase use of preventative measures including CCTV and other trials

### **Enforcement**

- ◆ Use litter, fly tipping and dog fouling enforcement powers as a tool to change the future behaviour of offenders
- ◆ Provide guidance on current legislation on enforcement
- ◆ Continue to develop strong relationships with both internal and external stakeholders including Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Services (COPFS)
- ◆ Engage with other local authorities to establish consistency and best practice

## **5. Next Steps**

5.1. Following approval, the Strategy will go through a design process to introduce infographics and images for ease of reading and to ensure the document is user friendly. Work will continue with partners and communities to develop appropriate actions with a focus on working collaboratively to deliver change. Progress on implementation of the Strategy will be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on an annual basis.

## **6. Strategic Environmental Assessment**

6.1. In September 2021, the pre-screening exercise was undertaken in order to assess whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required. The Pre-Screen Exemption Statement was submitted in November 2021 stating that the Litter Strategy does not seek to change or amend policies contained in the Community Plan or the Council Plan, both of which have been subject to SEA.

6.2. The Consultation Authorities did not raise any concerns or request further assessment within the statutory timeframe. We are therefore able to conclude that no further SEA work is required for the Litter Strategy.

## **7. Employee Implications**

- 7.1. Development of the Strategy will be one of the key tasks of the Policy Officer. In addition, all Resources will need to contribute to the development of the Strategy to ensure that a co-ordinated and comprehensive approach is adopted. Implications for Resources and Services will vary depending on the relevance of their activities with regards to litter.
- 7.2. In addition to developing the Strategy, the Policy Officer will champion and report on wider issues relating to litter, dog fouling and fly tipping prevention.

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1. There are no financial implications at this stage.

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

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

## **10. Other Implications**

- 10.1. There are no other implications or risks associated with this report.

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

- 11.1. Although this report introduces a new policy, this policy area has been screened for equalities issues and is not relevant to the Committee's equalities duties and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 11.2. Consultation was carried out as noted at paragraph 4 of the report.

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

22 August 2022

## **Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes**

### Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Working with and respecting others
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ◆ Ambitious, self-aware and improving
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ Excellent employer

### Priorities

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress and improve

### Outcomes

- ◆ Our children and young people thrive
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible
- ◆ Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee report on Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (Scotland) 2018 on 24 August 2017
- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee report on Development of a Litter Strategy on 10 February 2021

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

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# Litter Strategy

## **Foreword**

The new litter strategy for South Lanarkshire will support the council and partners to collaborate more effectively to tackle the blight littering and fly tipping.

In recent years, we have seen these issues grow and we now find household and commercial waste fly tipped at the end of roads, within lock-up groups, beside flatted properties and country lay-bys. In many cases the waste can be hazardous or a risk to children, as well as being a fire risk. Not only is this environmentally unpleasant and potentially dangerous, but it requires increasing resources, from vehicles to staffing, to manage and dispose of the waste. This means that valuable council resources are often diverted from delivering our other priorities and supporting our communities.

Key to the success of the strategy will be working with our partners to encourage behaviour change. We cannot do this on our own; it is time for everyone to play their part in tackling these issues. I am delighted to launch this strategy and would like to thank all staff and partners involved in its development.

Cllr Robert Brown

## **Introduction**

### **What is the South Lanarkshire Litter Strategy?**

The Litter Strategy covers the period 2022-2027 and provides a framework for a range of plans, policies and environmental initiatives that drive our commitment to preventing litter, dog fouling and fly tipping. It also sets out the objectives, outputs, activities and expected outcomes for the Council, its partners and its communities.

The overall vision for the Litter Strategy for South Lanarkshire Council is:

- ◆ To be a cleaner place to live, work and visit; free of litter, fly tipping and dog waste

The strategy will be underpinned by:

- ◆ Encouraging awareness, behaviour change and personal responsibility
- ◆ Working in partnership with all stakeholders, communities, and community groups
- ◆ Meeting legislative requirements of the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (Scotland) 2018

### **Why has the Council developed a Litter Strategy?**

This is the Council's first Litter Strategy and South Lanarkshire is one of the first local authorities in Scotland to do this. The Council's commitment is aligned with the National Litter Strategy and views that litter and fly tipping is a blight on our local communities and natural environments.

The Scottish Government has committed to a new National Litter and Flytipping Strategy being launched in 2022. This will strengthen the commitment nationally and will promote collaborative action, as it recognises that no one organisation can tackle this in isolation.

South Lanarkshire Council has duties under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, under the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (COPLAR). There are two duties within section 89 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 defining the responsibilities of organisations in terms of their obligation so far as reasonably practicable and relating to Duty 1 and Duty 2:

- ◆ Duty 1: ensure that their land (or land that is under their control), is kept clear of litter and refuse.
- ◆ Duty 2: ensure that public roads (for which the body is responsible) are kept clean.

Duty 1 requires explanations of litter and refuse. Litter is considered to be 'waste in the wrong place', where individual or a small number of items are thrown down, dropped or deposited in a public place by any person and is left there. Escaped materials should be treated as litter. Materials that could be considered as litter are wide ranging, including food packaging, drink containers, smoking related materials including cigarette ends, chewing gum, food items, paper and plastic bags.

Refuse should be regarded as waste material or rubbish, including household and commercial waste, fly tipped waste, dog faeces, animal carcasses and car parts. Refuse tends to be larger items than litter.

Duty 2 requires that roads, as well as being kept clear of litter and refuse, should be kept clean.

A key consideration is that they should be free of detritus. Detritus relates to Duty 2 only; it should not be regarded as litter.

Detritus can include dust, mud, soil, grit, gravel, stones, rotted vegetation, and fragments of twigs, glass, plastic and other materials which can become finely divided. Leaf and blossom falls are to be regarded as detritus once they have substantially lost their structure and have become fragmented.

A list of organisations or bodies subject to each duty are identified below.

## **Duty 1 Bodies**

- ◆ Local authorities
- ◆ Scottish Ministers
- ◆ Certain Crown Authorities that occupy or manage Crown Land
- ◆ Crown Estate Commissioners
- ◆ Crown Estate Scotland
- ◆ Educational institutions including universities, publicly-funded colleges and schools
- ◆ Any operator of a relevant railway asset (such as a railway station and track)
- ◆ Passenger transport executives
- ◆ Light railway/tramway operators
- ◆ Road transport operators, other than taxi or other hire cars
- ◆ Canal operators
- ◆ Port/dock/harbour/pier operators
- ◆ Airport operators
- ◆ Occupiers of relevant land within a Litter Control Area

## **Duty 2 Bodies**

- ◆ Local authorities – in respect of roads for which they are responsible
- ◆ Scottish Ministers – in respect of motorways, and other special roads that are also trunk roads and certain other roads for which they are responsible

Whilst COPLAR identifies the Council's responsibilities and that of other duty holders, the issue of littering and fly tipping on private land is one that causes concern for a number of our residents and communities. It is also a criminal act irrespective of where it occurs. The Council's Environmental Services work closely with private landowners in providing support and advise on how to address the issue.

COPLAR 2018 was updated to align with the previous National Litter Strategy – Towards a Litter-Free Scotland and its aims of litter prevention and increased personal responsibility. A focus on prevention provides opportunity to engage in more proactive activities that encourage behaviour change and complement interventions in other areas. Overall, whilst difficult to measure objectively, the positive impacts of living, working and/or visiting a clean, well-maintained environment are varied, long lasting and significant for both the resident members of the community and for visitors.

## **What are the main issues we want to tackle?**

Litter and fly tipping spoil the places we live, work and visit, and it devalues our beautiful council area. According to the Scottish Litter Survey published by Keep Scotland Beautiful in 2021, '70% of respondents believe that litter is a problem locally, and 88% believe that it is a problem nationally'. This shows that even residents who do not see litter as a problem in their own community, believe it is an issue in Scotland in general.

Other headlines from that report show that people believe litter has the largest impact on the natural environment and animals. It was also stated that there is a smaller, though still notable, impact on house prices and local economic activity.

Through the Litter Strategy we want to tackle these issues of litter, fly tipping and dog fouling. The focus will be on prevention rather than cure, and this will be done through the development of a range of new plans, preventative actions with education, community involvement and significant engagement.

Fly tipping represents waste that is disposed of illegally and irresponsibly and can include anything from a single black bag of household or garden waste to large volumes of tyres and construction waste. In order to tackle this significant wide scale problem, we know we need to work cooperatively not only within the council resources, but with the other land owners. This joined up and strategic working along with education, awareness and enforcement, is the only way we can look to tackle and overcome these issues to protect our communities and natural environment from illegally disposed waste.

There are over 4,000 public litter bins in South Lanarkshire Council. These are a mixture of free standing bins, pole mounted bins and some bespoke variations for certain locations. All the bins accept both litter and bagged dog waste.

South Lanarkshire Council have mapped all the litter bins in the council area to consider better infrastructure, placement and scheduling. The mapping of the litter bins also allows better understanding and visualisation where the bins are currently located for staff, councillors and even residents to find their nearest bin.

Due to the number of litter bins and high servicing costs, we fully assess all requests for new bins using the criteria detailed below:

- ◆ Number and location of existing bins in the area
- ◆ Scale of the litter and dog waste problem
- ◆ Suitability of the location including the need to reduce street clutter

- ◆ Accessibility for prams, wheelchairs and disabled people
- ◆ Can servicing be including in an appropriate route
- ◆ The possibility of valid objections from neighbours

## **Who is the Litter Strategy For?**

The Litter Strategy is for everyone who lives, works and visits South Lanarkshire.

On one hand, it is for the Council who are directly and indirectly involved in activities and initiatives related to litter. It provides guidelines to deliver and support prevention and positive change with respect to education, engagement and enforcement.

On the other hand, because it affects everyone and everyone can contribute, the strategy is also a framework of action for partners, communities, businesses and residents who want to keep their area and local environment clean. The strategy encourages and provides a basis for all stakeholders to develop a Litter Prevention Action Plan to emphasise and promote what they are currently doing within the community, along with raising awareness and encouraging commitment. The Litter Prevention Action Plans also enables council departments, organisations and communities to work together and take collective action to prevent litter and fly tipping by tackling the problem before it occurs.

## **How was the strategy developed?**

The Litter Strategy was developed from the identification of litter and illegal waste issues and opportunities in the Council's area. This included a review of the Council's activities, partners and community initiatives. Discussions with employees, partners and other organisations were held throughout the process as well as public consultations.

The public consultation identified the following six priority objectives that respondents believe are the most relevant to them and their local area.

Use litter, fly tipping and dog fouling enforcement powers as a tool to change the future behaviour of offenders	76%
Increased monitoring and mapping of fly tipping occurrences to identify hotspots	68%
Increased use of preventative measures including CCTV and other trials	62%
Encourage and promote education that leads to long-term positive attitudes to waste and littering	62%
Efficient and effective street cleansing service using zoning information	55%
Work in partnership with the local communities, community groups, council departments, education, and businesses	39%

The Council was also involved in working groups for the National Litter and Flytipping Strategy, the Flytipping Forum and the Litter Managers Network. Involvement in these groups, along with the more general APSE Scotland Parks, Grounds and Streets Advisory Group, has assisted in the development of the strategy through understanding the national picture and areas where we can make improvements.

## **What are the objectives of the Litter Strategy?**

Development of the strategy identified 3 broad themes and a further 15 objectives to ensure delivery of the themes and vision:



## **Education**

- ◆ Provide information, awareness and guidance to the community
- ◆ Run local campaigns along with promotion of national content through Keep Scotland Beautiful and Zero Waste Scotland
- ◆ Encourage and promote education that leads to long-term positive attitudes to waste and littering
- ◆ Work in partnership with the local communities, community groups, council departments, education, and businesses
- ◆ Encourage engagement and the creation of Litter Prevention Action Plans
- ◆ Provide advice on duty of care requirements to residents

## **Engagement**

- ◆ Develop a Litter Bin Plan with mapping of current locations and future innovations
- ◆ Deliver an efficient and effective street cleansing service using zoning information
- ◆ Support local community groups and individuals with advice and the loan of equipment for litter picking
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## **Enforcement**

- ◆ Use litter, fly tipping and dog fouling enforcement powers as a tool to change the future behaviour of offenders
- ◆ Provide guidance on current legislation on enforcement
- ◆ Continue to develop strong relationships with both internal and external stakeholders including Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Services (COPFS)
- ◆ Engage with other local authorities to establish consistency and best practice

Additional information has been provided for each of the objectives in order to explain why we set it as an objective, what we want to achieve and what we will do to deliver and support change.

## **Education**

### **Provide information, awareness and guidance to the community**

*Why did we set this as an objective?*

Providing information, awareness and guidance to all members of the community is vital for a greater understanding on the negative effects of litter and fly tipping.

*What do we want to achieve?*

Residents to be more aware of their actions and take personal responsibility for their waste, and ultimately their community.

*What will we do to deliver and support change?*

Utilise social media along with information leaflets and local events to get the information out in the community. Also, work with other departments within the council including Education and Housing to support positive related communications.

### **Run local campaigns along with promotion of national content through Keep Scotland Beautiful and Zero Waste Scotland**

*Why did we set this as an objective?*

National and local campaigns and materials allow messages to be promoted widely with consistent messaging.

*What do we want to achieve?*

Positive campaigns and messages that people and communities take notice of and impacts their behaviours and actions.

*What will we do to deliver and support change?*

Continue working closely with our national stakeholders to be involved with campaigns and initiatives that benefit both the local area and Scotland as a whole.

### **Encourage and promote education that leads to long-term positive attitudes to waste and littering**

*Why did we set this as an objective?*

Education is so important to changing people's behaviours and perceptions. This objective covers education throughout life and not just focused on school environments.

*What do we want to achieve?*

Life learning that impacts people's behaviour in positive ways.

*What will we do to deliver and support change?*

Create appropriate educational and awareness content, and make sure it is being distributed through means that cover all age groups and localities, by working in partnership with other departments within the council. We want our communities to understand the negative effects of these issues and why we want a positive shift in behaviour.

### **Work in partnership with the local communities, community groups, council departments, education, and businesses**

*Why did we set this as an objective?*

This strategy needs everyone to be involved in a coordinated approach to make a difference.

*What do we want to achieve?*

Effective partnerships and joined up working within communities which encourages lasting change, ownership and collaboration.

*What will we do to deliver and support change?*

By working in partnership with other stakeholders within the council area, we will more effectively be able to identify local issues and strive for shared goals and outcomes.

### **Encourage engagement and the creation of Litter Prevention Action Plans**

*Why did we set this as an objective?*

Action plans and commitment from departments, groups and local businesses encourages awareness of the issues and buy in to the strategy.

*What do we want to achieve?*

Pledges of commitment to tackling litter and fly tipping throughout South Lanarkshire.

*What will we do to deliver and support change?*

Provide a template and support to help departments and groups develop Litter Prevention Action Plans along with assistance to achieve their specific actions.

### **Provide advice on duty of care requirements to residents**

*Why did we set this as an objective?*

To provide information on duty of care requirements as some residents are not aware of their obligations with regards to waste.

*What do we want to achieve?*

Widespread information that householders have a legal obligation (duty of care) to take all reasonable measures to ensure that their waste is disposed of properly.

*What will we do to deliver and support change?*

Provide information on the topic on our website and social media pages to advise residents of their responsibilities.

## **Engagement**

### **Develop a Litter Bin Plan with mapping of current locations and future innovations**

*Why did we set this as an objective?*

To provide information about the locations of our litter bin infrastructure, criteria for locations and future improvements and trials.

*What do we want to achieve?*

Publicly available information that is easy to use and access.

*What will we do to deliver and support change?*

Launch our litter bin map within our public map app along with providing specific information on a clear webpage.

### **Deliver an efficient and effective street cleansing service using zoning information**

*Why did we set this as an objective?*

Use the COPLAR zoning information to prioritise resources.

*What do we want to achieve?*

Publicly accessible zoning information which will help residents and members of the public understand how street cleansing services are effectively and efficiently programmed.

*What will we do to deliver and support change?*

Promote the Litter Zones map and guidance on COPLAR. We will also continue to use this information when programming our street cleansing.

### **Support local community groups and individuals with advice and the loan of equipment for litter picking**

*Why did we set this as an objective?*

Our local community groups and volunteers are an invaluable assistance to South Lanarkshire Council and so we want to help and support their activity in every way we can.

*What do we want to achieve?*

Community groups and volunteers organising and taking part in litter picks safely and effectively.

*What will we do to deliver and support change?*

Promote and action requests that come in through our Community Clean Up webform for support, equipment, and the uplift of bags. We will also engage in open communication with these groups to establish how we can support them further.

### **Increase monitoring and mapping of fly tipping occurrences to identify hotspots**

*Why did we set this as an objective?*

Without accurate data and monitoring we can't begin to tackle the large-scale fly tipping problem.

*What do we want to achieve?*

Full data and mapping information of fly tipping occurrences to enable hotspots and patterns to be identified.

*What will we do to deliver and support change?*

Continue monitoring and logging fly tipping instances and locations through reports from our contact centre, web form, emails and Councillor enquiries. We also will investigate technological improvements to provide benefits in data and public reporting. Any improvements in reporting will be promoted to the community through PR.

### **Increase use of preventative measures including CCTV and other trials**

*Why did we set this as an objective?*

Preventative measures reduce the ability of further occurrences taking place.

*What do we want to achieve?*

We want to prevent these activities occurring by using physical and informational barriers.

*What will we do to deliver and support change?*

Highlight consistent hotspots to put preventative measures in place. These measures will be reviewed and evaluated to understand how we can improve the measures we put in place.

## **Enforcement**

### **Use litter, fly tipping and dog fouling enforcement powers as a tool to change the future behaviour of offenders**

*Why did we set this as an objective?*

Education and engagement don't have a positive impact on everyone. Enforcement and the promotion of enforcement powers can also create a shift in the actions of these criminals to produce a positive behaviour change.

*What do we want to achieve?*

A sustained behaviour change that uses enforcement as a method for improvement, reducing levels of offences as a result.

*What will we do to deliver and support change?*

Increase the number of fixed penalty notices being issued for offences along with promotion of the activity and the enforcement powers.

### **Provide guidance on current legislation on enforcement**

*Why did we set this as an objective?*

To provide information on enforcement legislation as some residents are not aware of this area. This also fits in with guidance on duty of care requirements under the Education theme.

*What do we want to achieve?*

Offenders and the general public being more informed on enforcement and the legislation surrounding it. Promotion of our enforcement successes will highlight action that is being taken against offenders as a precautionary warning.

*What will we do to deliver and support change?*

Provide information on enforcement and our successes on our website and social media pages. Work with Environmental Services to provide information and guidance to offenders as part of the enforcement process.

**Continue to develop strong relationships with both internal and external stakeholders including Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Services (COPFS)**

*Why did we set this as an objective?*

Relationships with stakeholders are important for cooperative working along with progressing plans and initiatives.

*What do we want to achieve?*

Partnerships that provide mutually beneficial outcomes and information that helps to tackle important issues for the communities.

*What will we do to deliver and support change?*

Continue working closely with our existing internal and external stakeholders through all levels and resources of the council. Endeavour to develop relationships with new stakeholders.

**Engage with other local authorities to establish consistency and best practice**

*Why did we set this as an objective?*

Working and engaging with other local authorities allows open communication about trials and what is working well.

*What do we want to achieve?*

Best practice working for effectiveness and efficiency. We also want more uniformity in processes across the local authorities which will encourage cooperative and partnership working.

*What will we do to deliver and support change?*

Continue working closely with other local authorities, especially neighbouring councils. Make best use of the networks and engagement made through APSE and Litter Manager's Network, along with connections through National Stakeholders.

## **Monitoring and Implementation**

The implementation of the strategy will be monitored by tracking the outputs from the objectives and actions and assessing the impacts or the outcomes of the strategy. More specifically, we will follow the progress made to advance the vision of the Litter Strategy and its different objectives: education, engagement and enforcement.

While tracking the implementation (the outputs) is straightforward, monitoring the impacts is more complex. One objective can contribute to different dimensions of the vision.

Formal external monitoring is undertaken through a process known as Local Environmental Audit and Management System (LEAMS) which is administered by Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB). Local environmental quality surveys are carried out at a random selection of sites across South Lanarkshire Council every year. These surveys collect information on litter types and source, along with other indicators such as weeds, graffiti, fly tipping and vandalism to provide an overall picture of every site.

The Council also use enquiries and complaints from the contact centre to monitor work and understand where things are going well or could be improved.

The Litter Prevention Action Plans also allow an ability for monitoring and assessing the actions and targets. This can be used to promote collective action and make sure the stakeholders within the communities are working together to tackle the issues.

To monitor the implementation of the Litter Strategy we will track key performance information such as the LEAMS score, fly tipping data, illegally disposed waste through the Housing Service and random audits.

Work will continue with partners and communities to develop more detailed collaborative actions such as:

- Working with stakeholders on known areas of high fly tipping occurrences or litter hotspots, such as school routes and roadside litter
- ◆ Working with stakeholders on issues such as waste associated with private landlords, increased uptake on the bulk uplift service and contaminated household wheelie bins
- ◆ Working with stakeholders to reduce instances of fly tipping through preventative measures, investigation, and surveillance
- ◆ Continuing to support and develop local community groups, including helping them to create their own Litter Prevention Action Plans

## **How can you support change?**

### **10 Actions for South Lanarkshire residents**

1. Always use a litter bin or take your litter home
2. Pick up after your dog and dispose of the bagged dog waste in a litter bin
3. Keep a bag in the car to contain litter when going on a longer journey
4. Join or organise community litter picking days throughout the year
5. Complete a litter survey through Clean Up Scotland
6. Report any litter and fly tipping occurrences, hotspots or intelligence to the council for investigation and uplift
7. Report damaged or missing litter bins to the council
8. Present residential wheelie bins and bulk waste for collection at the correct time to avoid the waste being spread by the wind

9. Make use of the Council's six household waste and recycling centres and annual free special (bulk) uplift for larger items. If using a private company to remove your waste, make sure they are a reputable company and are registered with SEPA as a waste carrier.
10. Use reusable bottles, cups and containers when out to reduce single-use items and also litter.

### 10 Actions for South Lanarkshire businesses

1. Display litter prevention posters/information/messages
2. Store your waste securely so it does not cause litter or attract vermin
3. Present business waste for collection at the correct time and location. Make use of off-street service areas if available
4. Organise or join community litter picking days throughout the year
5. Take ownership of litter prevention outside of your premises
6. Engage staff on the importance of litter prevention and that littering and fly tipping are crimes
7. Offer a customer/staff loyalty scheme for reusable bottles, cups and containers to reduce single-use items and also litter
8. Encourage staff to come forward with any litter prevention suggestions
9. Report any litter and fly tipping occurrences, hotspots or intelligence to the council for investigation and uplift
10. Share litter prevention messages on social media

### **Conclusion**

It is time for everyone to play their part in tackling these issues and work together to bring to an end this ever growing problem of littering and fly tipping. Through our strategy's vision and objectives, covering education, engagement and enforcement, the Council is committed to change. This change will improve our local communities and natural environments along with promoting collaborative action, as no one organisation can tackle this in isolation.