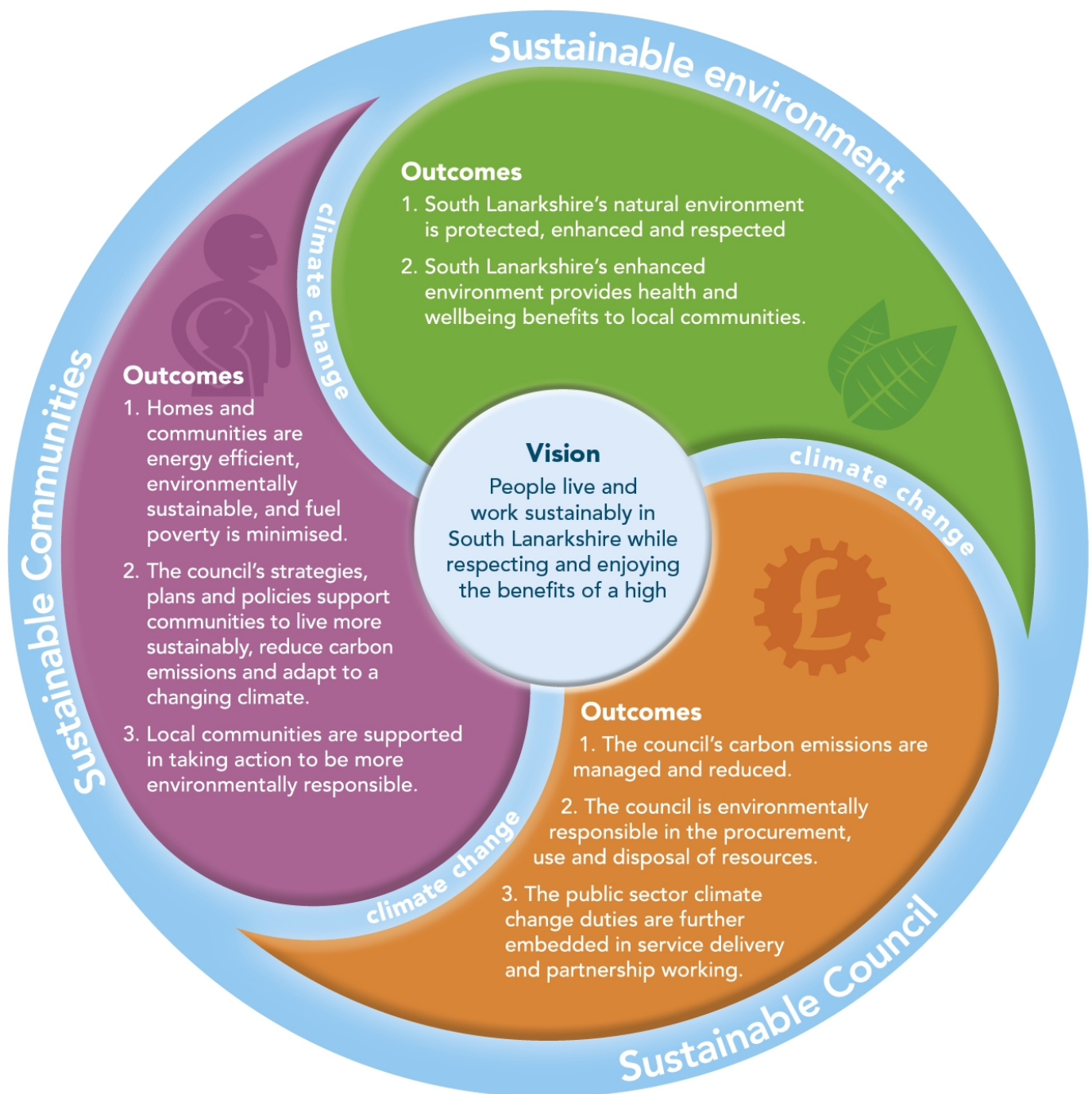


Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2017-2022

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.

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Measure Status – are we on course to achieve? The "traffic light" codes are:

Green	On target or due to achieve with no issues
Amber	There may be problems or minor slippage
Red	Not on course, major slippage anticipated
Blue	Action to achieve change complete

Measures which are to be reported later or which are "for information only" are not colour coded

Overarching Theme

Priority Outcome

Progress update against outcome

Sustainable Environment

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

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	This Year Target	To Date	Last 3 Years
Percentage of streets found to be acceptable during survey (Local Environmental Audit and Management System street cleanliness score)	The LEAMS score for April to July 2020 was 97.1%, this is above the annual target score of 95.5%.	Green	95.5%	97.1%	95.5% 94.5% 95.9%
The biennial State of the Environment report for South Lanarkshire provides a baseline for identifying local environmental issues and provides an overview	The 2019 edition of the South Lanarkshire State of the Environment Report was approved by the Executive Committee in February 2020. Key findings from the Report show that of the 55 indicators, 24 (43.6%) have a good status, 23 (41.8%) have a fair status and the remaining 8 (14.6%) have a poor status. Work is progressing well to update The State of the Environment Report on the digital learning platform, glow, for use within schools. Work on the 2021 edition will begin in early 2021 and will be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval around March 2022.	Confidential	—	—	0 0 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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Review and update guidance for building standards surveyors in relation to climate change mitigation in new buildings and the adaptation of existing buildings	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	National consultation on revised energy standards for new buildings expected before the end of 2020, this will form the basis of service specific actions.	Green
Provide advice and support to businesses in the transition to a net-zero economy	Develop an Economic Response, Recover and Renewal Strategy framed around three themes: People, Place and Business whilst creating the right conditions for a low carbon economy	Recovery strategy is being developed with phased implementation-additional resources approved at CER Committee on 15 September. Business Support Grants' budgets increased and eligibility and assessment criteria have been reviewed with three forms of support-Small, Recovery and Growth grants open to applications from 23 September 2020. Preparing to recruit additional business support officers. Preparing marketing/development brief and proposed market testing of Langlands, East Kibride, Strategic Investment site	Green
	Support provided to Smart Sustainable East Kibride (SSEK) in the delivery of their action plan priorities for 2020-21	Some realignment of objectives and resources has taken place with SSEK engagement events able to switch to online virtual delivery via Zoom meetings and resource switched from some physical delivery to Transport Scotland sponsored Near Homes Working innovation project.	Green



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 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	2019/20
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%

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
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	2019/20
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	2019/20
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	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	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

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
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, Holmhill 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	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
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

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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 Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Communities

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

Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	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%

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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	----- This Year -----			----- Last 3 Years -----		
		Status	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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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%

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Performance Indicators	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
			Target	To Date	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
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	2019/20
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 Lanarkshire 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

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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

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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 Development Strategy actions and measures (level 2)

Sustainable Council

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
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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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

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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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
In partnership with local communities, continue programme of restructuring council owned woodland and improving recreational access	Consult on Management Plans for Bothwell and Blantyre Woods with community interests, David Livingstone Centre and other stakeholders by March 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

Sustainable Environment

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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
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

Sustainable Communities

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Explore options for innovative and affordable low carbon energy and heating solutions in local areas that will contribute towards national climate change ambitions	During 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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Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
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

Sustainable Communities

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

Action	Measures	Comments/ Progress	Status
Participation in the Green Heat in Greenspace project being run by Greenspace Scotland	Identify potential opportunities for sources of sustainable heat in South Lanarkshire's greenspace	The Council was a core partner in 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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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

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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