

Report

Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	3 November 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Programme for Government 2021
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Provide information on key aspects of the Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2021/22 and how the council can progress relevant elements in South Lanarkshire

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) that Executive Directors will report on relevant aspects of Programme for Government as part of their regular Resource Plan monitoring reports to Committees.

3. Background

3.1. On 11 September 2021 the Scottish Government published its Programme for Government (PfG) 2021/22 entitled "A fairer, greener Scotland". It sets out the Government's key legislative and policy priorities over the current administrative term to 2025/26 and beyond to 2026/27. It sets out 69 planned actions for Scottish Government under the following five themes – which are described as 'long-term goals', all of which sit under the overarching priority to lead Scotland out of the pandemic.

- ◆ Establish a caring nation/society – setting out a new vision for health and social care
- ◆ Create a land of opportunity – supporting young people and promoting a fairer and more equal society
- ◆ Secure a net zero nation – ending Scotland's contribution to climate change, restoring nature and enhancing our climate resilience, in a just and fair way
- ◆ Create an economy that works for all Scotland's people and places – putting sustainability, wellbeing and fair work at the heart of our economic transformation
- ◆ Living better – supporting thriving, resilient and diverse communities

3.2. The PfG acknowledges that the pandemic and ongoing recovery has generally constrained progress made toward Scotland's ambitions and states that recovery from the Pandemic is the "first and most pressing priority". Alongside it also gives priority to rebuilding a stronger, more resilient health and care system centred on people;

renewing our drive to eradicate child poverty and improve living standards; ending Scotland's contribution to climate change; and building a wellbeing economy which secures sustainable, inclusive growth.

4. Local Government implications

- 4.1. The Programme highlights a range of high-level and more detailed initiatives under the relevant long-term priorities listed at 3.1 above.
- 4.2. Drawing on work undertaken by COSLA, the following headline actions have been identified which relate significantly to Local Government.

ESTABLISH A CARING NATION:

- ◆ Increase frontline health spend each year so it is at least £2.5 billion higher by 2026/27, and increase primary care spend by 25%
- ◆ Undertake the single biggest public service reform since the founding of the NHS – the creation of a National Care Service
- ◆ Improve national wellbeing with increased investment in mental health – at least 25% over this Parliament
- ◆ Tackle the drugs death emergency with £250 million investment over this Parliament, ensuring better outreach, treatment, rehabilitation, and aftercare services in every local authority

CREATE A LAND OF OPPORTUNITY:

- ◆ Drive forward a national mission to end child poverty – rolling out Scottish Child Payment to children under 16 by the end of 2022 and doubling it to £20 per week as quickly as possible thereafter
- ◆ Starting this year, invest a further £1 billion over the Parliament to tackle the poverty related attainment gap, and support the recruitment of 3,500 additional teachers and 500 classroom assistants
- ◆ Take action to reduce the costs of the school day and ensure children can access the subjects and opportunities they want regardless of family income.
- ◆ Build a new system of wraparound childcare for school age children
- ◆ Expand free early learning and childcare to 1 and 2 year olds – starting in this Parliament with children from low-income households
- ◆ Starting this year, invest £100 million to support frontline services and focus on prevention of violence against women and girls from school onward

SECURE A NET ZERO NATION:

- ◆ Build a net zero economy that is fair for all, and create opportunities for new, good and green jobs, introducing Just Transition plans for all sectors and regions
- ◆ Provide at least £1.8 billion over the course of this Parliament to make our homes easier and greener to heat, and progress our commitment to decarbonise 1 million homes by 2030
- ◆ Ensure that at least £320 million or 10% of the total transport budget goes on active travel by 2024/25, ensuring greener, cleaner and better connected communities

CREATE AN ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR ALL OF SCOTLAND'S PEOPLE AND PLACES:

- ◆ Continue to deliver our Young Person's Guarantee – providing a job or a place in education or training, or a formal volunteering opportunity for every young person

- ◆ Invest in a just transition to a low-carbon economy, for people and businesses, including a £500 million Just Transition Fund for the North East and Moray and a £100 million Green Jobs Fund
- ◆ Invest an additional £500 million to support the new, good and green jobs of the future, including upskilling and reskilling people to access them.
- ◆ Provide £100 million over this Parliament in a range of programmes to increase the digital capacity and capability of business

LIVING BETTER:

- ◆ Give everyone a safe, warm place to call home, delivering 110,000 affordable homes across Scotland by 2032, investing an additional £50 million over the Parliament to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping, and strengthening tenants' rights in the rented sector
- ◆ Deliver a revolution in children's rights, including across the justice system

4.3. The Programme asserts that leading Scotland out of the pandemic, which includes continuing the mass vaccination programme and preparing for a booster campaign in the autumn, remains the foremost priority; and that this sits alongside an over-arching message to rebuilding a stronger, more resilient health and care system centred on people; renewing the drive to eradicate child poverty and improve living standards; ending Scotland's contribution to climate change; and building a wellbeing economy which secures sustainable, inclusive growth for everyone, in all parts of Scotland.

4.4. The Programme continues by acknowledging that the collective approach that characterised the response to the pandemic must be the same for the upcoming challenges and opportunities. Reference is made to the COVID Recovery Strategy which will set out the vision, shared with Local Government on addressing the structural inequalities which have been made worse by COVID-19.

4.5. The PfG also includes the legislative programme for 2021/2022, comprising the 12 following new Bills.

- ◆ Annual Budget (No.1) Bill
- ◆ Bail and Release from Custody Bill
- ◆ Coronavirus (Compensation for Self-isolation) Bill
- ◆ COVID Recovery Bill
- ◆ Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Bill
- ◆ Fox Control Bill
- ◆ Gender Recognition Bill
- ◆ Good Food Nation Bill
- ◆ Miners' Strike Pardon Bill
- ◆ Moveable Transactions Bill
- ◆ National Care Service Bill
- ◆ Non-Domestic Rates COVID-19 Appeals Bill

5. **Programme for Government 2020/21 – South Lanarkshire context**

5.1. An exercise has been undertaken to consider the five themes and the key elements highlighted in the Programme for Government 2021/2022 as outlined in Section 4 above.

5.2. The approach that has been adopted has been for each Resource to consider where the focus of activity for the Council is under each element, to identify the actions that are being taken or will be considered in respect of this element of the Programme and a timeline / reporting route for these actions. In some instances, actions have already

been delivered or are already incorporated into strategies, policies and programmes or work.

- 5.3. There are some instances, where the council is awaiting further guidance or where the Scottish Government is still working on aspects of its proposals.
- 5.4. The Appendix to this report shows, for each identified element of the Programme for Government 2021/2022, a summary of the element from the Programme for Government, where the focus from a council perspective is, the actions identified and an indicative timeline and route for reporting to the relevant committee(s). These have been drawn together related to the Resource with responsibility for these policy areas.
- 5.5. In terms of the monitoring and reporting of the actions contained in the Appendix, it is proposed that Executive Directors will report on relevant aspects of the Programme for Government in their regular reports to Committees.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. There are no direct employee implications.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. There are no direct financial implications.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. There are no direct climate change, sustainability and natural environment implications arising from this report.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. Considering the detail of the report and identifying actions as appropriate contribute towards effective risk management.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 10.2. Consultation was undertaken internally on the Resource Planning Guidance through an officer group with representation from all Resources.

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7 October 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ♦ Ambitious, self-aware and improving

Previous References

- ♦ None

List of Background Papers

- ♦ None

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COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE

GREEN RECOVERY		
Investing £2 billion across 2021-22 to 2025-26 in large scale, low carbon infrastructure.		
Launch a 10-year National Strategy for Economic Transformation in the autumn.		
New National Challenge Competition which will provide up to £50 million to projects with the greatest potential to transform Scotland's economy.		
Promote a thriving rural economy, launching the new £20 million Rural Entrepreneur Fund in the coming financial year, providing grants of up to £10,000 to support the relocation or creation of 2000 new businesses.		
Support the recommendations of the Tourism Recovery Taskforce, including a £25 million portfolio of projects in 2021-22, and consider the best approach to future years.		
FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Economic Development initiatives and investment will continue to have regard to strategic objective in relation to: low carbon ambitions rural economy tourism sector recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe evolution of new funding streams and bidding opportunities and submit applications where possible. • Ensure maintenance of sufficient land availability for employment opportunities. • Consider how to re-imagine town and neighbourhood centres and the re-use and adaption of vacant properties. • Investigate if ERDF funding for Business Support Grants will enable grants support for low carbon investment projects. • Development of new South Lanarkshire Tourism Strategy and actions and creation of new tourism sector member organisation. • Economic development interventions with specific focus on rural economy. 	<p>Short, medium and long term actions in support of strategic aims.</p> <p>Land availability / town centres actions to be addressed by review of adopted Local Development Plan and implementation of National Planning Framework 4.</p>

POPULATION STRATEGY		
<p>Develop a Migration Service for Scotland to support those who have chosen to make Scotland their home. EU exit will leave a particularly damaging gap in our rural communities, which have historically relied on migration to offset an ageing population and keep services running.</p> <p>Develop a Rural Visa Pilot proposal, to support people to move to and work in our rural communities, submitting a proposal to the UK Government in 2022.</p> <p>We will press on with our Population Programme and work with partners to determine the right interventions to support our ageing population, encourage inward migration, and increase population growth in rural areas in particular.</p>		
FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Housing land supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure sufficient housing land supply across all tenures and age groups is available across the Council area including the rural area to meet changing population patterns 	To be addressed by review of adopted Local Development Plan and implementation of National Planning Framework 4.
LOW CARBON		
<p>Build a net zero economy that is fair for all, and create opportunities for new, good, and green jobs, introducing Just Transition Plans for all sectors and regions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support a world changing agreement at COP26 – having already published an indicative Nationally Determined Contribution, setting out how Scotland will become a net zero nation by 2045. Increase funding for home energy and green heating systems installations; provide £50 million for Warmer Homes Scotland to support those in fuel poverty through the heat transition; and investing £30 million in green heating and energy efficiency projects in social housing. Implement the first Just Transition Plan, for the energy sector, alongside a refreshed Energy Strategy. Invest £240 million in an Energy Transition Programme – funding industry to play a leading role in the development and deployment of new, low carbon technologies, and support the development of hydrogen and carbon capture and storage. Work with the Bus Decarbonisation Taskforce to shape the journey to a greener, more efficient public sector bus fleet – backed by £50 million this year through the new Scottish Zero Emission Bus Challenge Fund. Publish a new biodiversity strategy underpinned by a 5 year delivery plan, including changes in the way we use and manage land and our approach to protecting habitats and ecosystems. 		

- Provide £22 million for the restoration of degraded peatlands in 2021-22 as part of our £250 million commitment to restore 250,000 hectares by 2030, and £150 million to accelerate progress towards our commitment for 18,000 hectares of tree planting a year by 2024.
- Legislate to end the supply and manufacture of the single use plastic items most commonly found littered.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Support the transition to a net zero nation by 2045	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop plans within the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy to become a new zero Council by 2045 	To be incorporated into the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022-27 due to be published 2022
Support the legislation to end the supply and manufacture of the single use plastic items most commonly found littered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop plans for litter prevention within South Lanarkshire and support the reduction of single use items for use within Council services 	To be incorporated into the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy 2022-27 due to be published 2022, and the Litter Strategy due to be published 2022
Support the new Scottish biodiversity strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a new SL biodiversity strategy and implementation plan in line with Scottish targets 	New Plan and Strategy in development during 2021-22 to be published 2023
Support the commitment to restore 250,000 hectares of degraded peatlands by 2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop phase 2 peatland restoration at SLC owned peatland at Langlands Moss 	Feasibility study to be complete 2022-23
Support the commitment for 18,000 hectares of tree planting each year by 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop tree planting proposals as part of Clyde Climate Forest 	Plans for annual tree planting taking place
Require new development to incorporate low and zero carbon design and energy efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage sustainable design approaches to new development • Strengthen policies to achieve low carbon heating solutions • Develop planning guidance on the delivery of electric vehicle charging points 	<p>To be addressed by review of adopted Local Development Plan and implementation of National Planning Framework 4.</p> <p>Implement changes to Building Regulations in relation to energy standards from 2024</p>

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Economic Development initiatives and investment to contribute towards net zero ambitions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support businesses to move towards net zero-outcomes. Seek to identify and implement a portfolio of potential 'green' investment projects 	Short, medium and long term actions in support of strategic aims.
Enhanced electric vehicle infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit funding bids from available sources 	Implement electric vehicle charging infrastructure in accordance with successful awards.
ENVIRONMENT		
<p>Publish a new biodiversity strategy underpinned by a 5-year delivery plan within a year of COP15 in Oct 21 and a Blue Economy Strategy.</p> <p>Introduce a Natural Environment Bill in Year 3 of Current Parliament, putting in place key legislative changes and statutory targets to restore and protect nature.</p> <p>Invest at least £500m in the natural economy over the course of Current Parliament, including on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multi-year funding for the Nature Restoration Fund - ensuring every LA area has a Nature Network of new, locally driven projects to improve ecological connectivity <p>Circular Economy/Waste Management, to include £70 million Recycling Improvement Fund, Waste Route Map, Circular Economy Bill, Deposit Return Scheme, textile waste, waste to landfill/ incineration.</p> <p>Explore use of Participatory Budgeting in 2021-22 as part of wider support for community-led climate action; identify opportunities at COP26 to develop concept of PB for climate action and identify opportunities to develop programmes specifically involving schools and young people; work with local authorities to embed climate principles into wider PB initiatives, building on the agreement that at least 1% of council budgets will be subject to Participatory Budgeting by 2021-22.</p>		
FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Develop a new Biodiversity Strategy and Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Council and Biodiversity Partnership documents to be produced, which will tie in with new International and Scottish targets. 	South Lanarkshire documents will cover the period 2023-2027

Deliver projects under the Nature Restoration Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council has received this fund for 2021-22 and have initiated spend on various themes. One identified area of work is investing in management plans and feasibility studies that will enable future project delivery. There is potential for many areas of work to become annualised such as wildflower meadow creation and tree planting. 	Annual and/or multi-year programme from 2021-22
Delivery of Biodiversity projects identified in the Biodiversity Strategy and Duty Implementation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects and areas of work includes designation of a series of new Local Nature Reserves that sees community involvement within locally significant sites that form part of key habitat networks. Essential ecosystems are recognised in the Biodiversity Strategy, with connectivity an issue to be resolved. 	Current Biodiversity Plans are subject to a one-year extension until 2022-23. Revised plans from 2023 will build on existing priorities and take new areas of work into consideration.
Take cognisance of the Natural Environment Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council will work with NatureScot to ensure Council owned designated sites are restored, protected, and meet recovery targets. 	Working towards the 2030 recovery targets

DIGITAL CAPABILITIES

Help businesses to harness the economic potential of technology, backed by £100 million in investment across Current Parliament. Already started investing in the £25 million DigitalBoost Fund, to help SMEs get access to the right digital skills and equipment.

Ensure a connected Scotland and tackle the digital divide, improving access to superfast and gigabit capable broadband and bringing 4G to rural and island communities, and extending the Connecting Scotland programme to get 300,000 households online by March 2026.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Support businesses to make most efficient use of developing technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement digital development and support through economic development partner actions especially through Lanarkshire Business Gateway Contract. 	Current Business Gateway contract until 2025 with enhanced digital support funding available to 2023

PROMOTING HEALTHIER EATING

In Current Parliament we will introduce a Public Health Bill (Good Food Nation Bill) that includes restrictions on healthier food and drink promotions. Commitment to introducing legislation on restricting promotions of foods high in fat, sugar, or salt. The Bill will

introduce a statutory requirement for the Scottish Ministers and specified public authorities to publish statements setting out the main outcomes they want to achieve in relation to food-related issues, the policies needed to do this, and the indicators or other measures required to assess progress. This will underpin the work we are carrying out as part of the Good Food Nation programme of measures.

Fund free lunches for all primary school pupils. In the next year, we will develop plans to deliver free breakfasts to all primary and special school children and start to pilot provision. Also commence the phased roll out of a food offer during the school holidays, starting with those who will benefit the most. As design a system of wraparound childcare progresses, integrate food and childcare provision wherever possible.

This summer, we introduced the Scottish Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme, providing funding for pre-school children to be offered free milk and a fruit or vegetable snack every day at their nursery or childminder's. From next August also make milk available for primary age pupils and develop a pilot programme for secondary age pupils.

We are also continuing to support the roll out of the Food for Life programme, increasing the amount of healthy and locally sourced food served by local authorities in early years settings and primary schools, with the aim of having all local authorities gaining accreditation in the coming years

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Statements on food – setting out the main outcomes we want to achieve in relation to food-related issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd year of implementation of the Council Good Food Strategy 	Report on progress at Q2 and Q4 to Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Free lunches for all primary school pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of universal and targeted free school meal support 	<p>August 2021: Expansion of Universal Free School Meals to P4 children</p> <p>January 2022: Expansion of Universal Free School Meals to P5 children</p>
Free breakfast to all primary schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free breakfasts are served in 118 primary schools 	Free breakfast available in most of primary schools

Offering food during the school holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free school meal holiday support to all children and young people who are eligible for free school meals 	Free School meal holiday support in school in summer break 2021
Scottish Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme for pre-school and milk available for primary age pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First year of implementation of the Scottish Milk and Healthy snack scheme 	Year 1 of the programme started in August 2021
Re-join Food for Life programme for Primary schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment and road map to be developed to achieve the Food for Life bronze standards in primary schools 	Assessment undertaken by 31 March 2022 and action plan to achieve bronze by March 2022

ENCOURAGING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Double investment in sport and active living to £100 million a year by the end of the Parliament.

Work with sportscotland and partners to understand how best to increase investment in physical activity and sport, while ensuring we address inequality of access.

Work with sportscotland on the next steps to ensure that Active Schools programmes are free for all children and young people by the end of this Parliament, providing them with more opportunities to take part in sport before, during and after school.

Spend at least £320m, or 10% of the total SG transport budget, on active travel by 2024-25. This will include increasing the Cycling, Walking and Safer Routes grant for LAs.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Develop 5-year strategy for South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture reflecting physical activity and associated health benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further develop partnerships with Sportscotland, NHS and HSCP to support increased physical activity 	SLLC strategy to be produced by June 2022

Provide new or refurbished leisure facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement capital programme in relation to developing or upgrading leisure facilities in line with the 10 years capital investment strategy 	Developing/upgrading leisure facilities in line with delivery of the 10-year capital investment strategy (capital investment strategy reviewed annually)
Ensure new developments incorporate active travel solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of active travel and public transport to be a fundamental design requirement of new development 	Implement existing planning policy and preparation of supporting guidance
Develop new walking, cycling and wheeling infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and implement new walking, cycling and wheeling infrastructure and facilities. 	Ongoing through 2021-22 and subsequent years.

PLACE BASED INITIATIVES

Start rolling out the £325 million Place Based Investment Programme, supporting community led regeneration, complemented by delivery of our new £50 million low carbon Vacant & Derelict Land Investment Programme.

Revitalise local communities through development of 20-minute neighbourhoods, investment in town centres and a new focus on place.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Strengthen support for revitalisation of town centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop land use planning policy and guidance to reflect changing nature of town centres 	Review town centre policies and guidance as part of preparation of Local Development Plan
Empower local communities to make decisions to shape their area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work collaboratively with Community Planning to develop joined up approach for local neighbourhoods 	Implementation of legislation on Local Place Plans
Creation of high quality places to improve quality of life and economic success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop understanding of placemaking in the context of emerging national policy and how new developments can contribute to this ambition. Enhancement and protection of open spaces and play areas 	<p>To be addressed by review of adopted Local Development Plan and preparation of supporting planning guidance.</p> <p>Preparation of Open Space Strategy and Play Sufficiency Assessment</p>

Promote place-based solutions to create 20-minute neighbourhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider opportunities and challenges around building 20 Minute Neighbourhoods and move towards mixed land uses 	To be considered as part of the refresh / review of policies for town and neighbourhood centres
Town centre action plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued development and implementation of town centre action plans to support town centre sustainability and assist diversification 	The Blantyre town centre strategy is due to be reported to Community and Enterprise Resources Committee in December 2021. Existing strategies are under constant review as economic recovery progresses.
Implement VDLF projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement projects approved within the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund framework for 2021-22 	Throughout 2021-22 and beyond

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

Ensure all appropriate roads in built-up areas have a safer speed limit of 20mph by 2025. A task group will be formed to plan a route for implementation.

Introduce a Community Bus Fund, supporting local transport authorities to explore the full range of options set out in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019, including municipal bus services.

Provide £30m funding for the design, construction of replacement or major maintenance, of Lifeline Local Authority bridges over the next 2 years.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Consider the findings from the 20mph Speed Limit Task Group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with SCOTS and directly with the Task Group. 	Ongoing through 2021/22 and subsequent years.
Improve public transport connectivity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport who are the Local Transport Authority for this area. 	Ongoing through 2021/22 and subsequent years.
Continue the programme of bridge strengthening.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting the outcome of submitted bids and if successful deliver projects. 	Ongoing through 2021/22 and subsequent years.

LEISURE AND CULTURE

Support Scotland's internationally recognised culture sector with the funding needed to make a strong recovery from COVID-19.

Provide a one-off fund of up to £1.25 million through the Scottish Libraries and Information Council to help them to stay open and support their communities, particularly in areas of deprivation.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Develop 5-year strategy for South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture reflecting all elements of the culture services provided.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure SLLC membership of appropriate governing bodies, including SLIC, to access funding as appropriate to support continued local delivery of culture services. 	SLLC strategy to be produced by June 2022
Provide new or refurbished leisure and culture facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement capital programme in relation to developing or upgrading leisure and culture facilities in line with the 10 years capital investment strategy 	Developing/upgrading leisure and culture facilities in line with delivery of the 10-year capital investment strategy (capital investment strategy reviewed annually)

FINANCE & CORPORATE

COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING		
Take forward a Community Wealth Building Bill in Current Parliament, helping create and protect jobs and enable greater community and third sector ownership of assets.		
FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Implementation of the council's Community Wealth Building Strategy and associated action plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver the CWB strategy action plan Support the work of the CWB Commission Establish CWB progress group with partners to progress the CWB strategy in South Lanarkshire under the direction of the CWB Commission 	Progress will be reported to the quarterly meetings of the CWB Commission
HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITIES		
<p>Neurodiversity Bill, with scoping work carried out in 2021-22. We will also provide an independent advocate for people to secure the protections of such a law, through a Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodiversity Commissioner.</p> <p>Take forward a programme of work to embed equality, inclusion, and human rights throughout Scotland – including £10 million to tackle isolation and loneliness over Current Parliamentary term, and £100 million over three years to support frontline services and focus on prevention of violence against women and girls from school onward. We will also work to tackle racism in our schools and communities, and refresh work to support refugees and asylum seekers.</p> <p>Ensure Scotland is a global leader in human rights through a new Human Rights Bill, which will include, as far as possible within devolved competence, incorporation of four UN human rights treaties into Scots Law. We will consult on the Bill in the coming year.</p>		
FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
The implications of the Neurodiversity Bill being incorporated in Scots Law for the council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting point will be approaching it from a legal perspective and consideration of the operationalising of the legislation. 	<p>Depends on Scottish Government timetables for legislation which will determine when/if the Neurodiversity Bill is incorporated into Scottish law and on guidance and reporting regime.</p> <p>Scottish Government announced on 7 September 2021 on 7 September that scoping work on the remit and powers of a Learning Disability, Autism and</p>

		Neurodiversity Bill, would be carried out in 2021/2022 Parliamentary year and that a decision on the timing of a Bill will be taken by Cabinet in the context of setting the content of future legislative programmes. Once the content of the legislation is known relevant legislative changes will be reported to the relevant Committee(s).
Embed equality, inclusion and human rights throughout Council policies and practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take forward the actions to tackle isolation and loneliness. 	The actions will be monitored by the Equality and Diversity Working Group and reported to CMT, the Equal Opportunities forum and via the Equalities mainstreaming reporting process.
Implementing Equally Safe Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider focus on prevention and early intervention for women and children at risk of violence and abuse. 	Gender Based Violence Partnership reports annually on the Equally Safe Strategy to Chief Officers Group and to the Safer South Lanarkshire Board.
The implications of the Human Rights Bill being incorporated in Scots Law for the council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting point will be approaching it from a legal perspective and consideration of the operationalising of the legislation. 	Scottish Government have announced that the Bill will be introduced in Parliamentary Session 2021/22. Advisory Board set up to progress this in September 2021. Timescales depends on when/if the Human Rights Bill is incorporated into Scottish law and on guidance and reporting regime.
DIGITAL CAPABILITIES		
Ensure a connected Scotland and tackle the digital divide, improving access to superfast and gigabit capable broadband and bringing 4G to rural and island communities, and extending the Connecting Scotland programme to get 300,000 households online by March 2026.		
FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Provide South Lanarkshire Council, citizens, businesses and visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify SLC future requirements for digital connectivity 	Digital Connectivity is a multi-year programme commencing 2021/22 jointly

with excellent digital connectivity, with particular emphasis on areas with poor broadband and/or mobile coverage, and on digitally excluded citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify telecoms partner who best meets SLC requirements • Progress actions from SLC Digital Inclusion Strategy • Leverage private sector investment in fibre cabling, Internet of Things (IoT), 5G and public wi-fi • Engage with Scottish and UK Governments to access funding for digital connectivity 	<p>led by SLC IT and Economic Development. Progress will be reported via ICT Programme Board and Corporate Management Team.</p> <p>Digital Inclusion actions are co-ordinated across all SLC resources via the SLC Digital Inclusion Group</p>
MAXIMISING INCOME AND PROMOTING BENEFIT TAKE UP		
<p>Guarantee the budget of the Scottish Welfare Fund at £41 million per year, an important social safety net administered through local authorities, and start an independent review this year to understand how it's working and whether there are measures that we could put in place to improve it.</p> <p>Explore how the concept of Universal Basic Services can contribute towards a minimum standard of living, via services such as transport, digital and childcare.</p> <p>Explore systems of automatic payment for devolved social security benefits, to maximise uptake. This includes linking Scottish Child Payment with Best Start Grant, and linking data to trigger automation of local authority entitlements, and "passported" entitlements based on receipt of devolved disability benefits</p>		
FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
<p>Maximise the use of the Scottish Welfare Fund to support those in need of financial support and assistance.</p> <p>Maximise the uptake of Education Benefits by making payments automatically using the most up to date information held within council systems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of the Scottish Welfare through internal and external partners • Benefits and Revenues will work with Education Resources to promote the Scottish Social Security Agency Best Start Grant • Benefits and Revenues will promote council tax reduction and signpost to sources of financial and benefit advice • Money Matters Advice Services will ensure all clients that contact the service are offered benefit checks and follow up assistance to apply for benefits. 	<p>Will be reported to the Community Partnership Board as part of the update on the provision of financial support and advice provided to households by council services and other organisations.</p>

<p>Money Matters Advice Services would promote entitlement to the new Scottish Social Security Agency Benefits through the most appropriate channels to improve awareness and increase uptake.</p> <p>Money Matters Advice Services, Benefits and Revenues, Housing and Homelessness will promote the take up of benefits to maximise income.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money Matters Advice Services will work with stakeholders throughout South Lanarkshire to promote services • Housing and Homelessness will ensure tenants and service users are signposted to sources of financial and benefit advice 	
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TACKLING POVERTY

Continue to deliver the Young Person's Guarantee – providing a job or a place in education or training, or a formal volunteering opportunity for every young person: Backed by up to £70 million this year, in addition to £60 million last year, this will provide at least 24,000 new and enhanced opportunities for young people, across a range of sectors and projects.

Invest £8.65 million for the Parental Employability Support Fund (PESF) and have committed to invest at least a further £15 million across 2022-24. This helps low-income families identified as being most at risk of experiencing poverty to increase their earnings, by gaining and progressing in fair work, providing intensive, person-centred key worker employability support.

Committed £20 million to develop the No One Left Behind approach and provide an offer of support to those facing long-term unemployment in 2021-22. This will be delivered through No One Left Behind partnerships, creating wholly subsidised, fair work job opportunities in sectors where there are skills shortages, such as Health and Social Care, and new and emerging sectors, including green jobs.

Progress the vision of Scotland as a leading Fair Work Nation by 2025: including making payment of the real living wage to all employees a condition of public sector grants by summer 2022.

Lead action to tackle child poverty with local government having a lead role as a major stakeholder.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
<p>Continue to deliver the Young Person's Guarantee – providing a job or a place in education or training, or a formal volunteering opportunity for every young person: Backed by up to £70 million this year, in addition to £60 million last year, this will provide at least 24,000 new and enhanced opportunities for young people, across a range of sectors and projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver an integrated employment focussed Key Worker Support Programme • Deliver a demand led Employer recruitment incentive to support both employers and young people • Deliver an intermediate labour market programme that supports young people with additional support needs • Deliver a volunteering initiative for young people supporting connections with Criminal justice unpaid work service • Deliver an inclusive Digital Inclusion Programme to provide access to employment • Deliver a young Enterprise programme supported by Business Gateway Elevator programme 	<p>To be incorporated into the NOLB Partnership Agreement/Delivery Plan reported to Local Employability Partnership to support vulnerable young people Labour Market demand activity ongoing to meet and create fair work opportunities reported to Local Employability Partnership</p> <p>To be incorporated into the NOLB Partnership Agreement/Delivery Plan reported to Local Employability Partnership to support vulnerable young people</p>
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<p>Committed £20 million to develop the No One Left Behind approach and provide an offer of support to those facing long-term</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver an enhanced employment offer and employer recruitment incentive to support unemployed clients who are aged over 25 years of age 	<p>To be incorporated into the NOLB Partnership Agreement/Delivery Plan reported to Local Employability Partnership</p>

unemployment in 2021-22. This will be delivered through No One Left Behind partnerships, creating wholly subsidised, fair work job opportunities in sectors where there are skills shortages, such as Health and Social Care, and new and emerging sectors, including green jobs.		to support unemployed people aged 25 plus.
Progress the vision of Scotland as a leading Fair Work Nation by 2025: including making payment of the real living wage to all employees a condition of public sector grants by summer 2022.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support promotion of the real living wage through the local subgroup, including offering a discount scheme for employers seeking accreditation Include consideration of the inclusion of a condition around the real living wage as a condition of grant as part of the review of third sector funding. 	Dependent on outcomes of third sector funding review.
Lead action to tackle child poverty with local government having a lead role as a major stakeholder.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and improve local child poverty stakeholder actions with support from the Improvement Service 	Reported in the Local Child Poverty Action Report in June 2022.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE		
<p>Undertake the single biggest public service reform since the founding of the NHS – the creation of a National Care Service, following the consultation launched during first 100 days. By June 2022, will bring forward legislation for its establishment. (This relates to the finance element of these proposals – according to COSLA the creation of a NCS as proposed will have significant impacts on Local Government finance with the proposed services make up roughly 40% of current budget).</p> <p>Reform Council Tax to make it fairer, working with the Scottish Green Party and COSLA to oversee the development of effective deliberative engagement on sources of local government funding, including Council Tax, that will culminate in a Citizens' Assembly.</p> <p>Undertake a review of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (LBTT) Additional Dwelling Supplement (ADS) and consider the impact of the tax on homes in remote and rural communities.</p>		

Help local authorities tackle a known avoidance tactic on empty non-domestic properties, to deliver greater fiscal empowerment for councils in advance of the devolution of empty property relief in April 2023, supported further by the introduction of a fiscal framework for local government.

Invest over £33 billion over the course of this Parliament in the National Infrastructure Mission, which includes £1 billion in the Scottish National Investment Bank, to create new jobs and markets and provide benefits across Scottish supply chains. In the coming year, SG will commence work to consider the options for the creation of a new national infrastructure company, to manage and develop public assets for the public good.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Incorporate potential impact of National Care service into South Lanarkshire councils Financial Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council will continue to engage through the ongoing consultation, and through Cosla in relation to potential financial impact 	Considered as part of Future revenue budget strategies.
Incorporate outcomes of Council tax review , and new income opportunities into the Councils Financial Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through Cosla, contribute to the consideration of reform in council tax 	Considered as part of Future revenue budget strategies.
Investment in Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the councils funding for capital investment, consider opportunities arising from the National Investment Bank 	Considered as part of Future Capital Strategies.

LEGISLATION

Bring forward a Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Bill, putting duties on public bodies and local government to take account of the impact of their decisions on sustainable development, in Scotland and internationally. Further develop the use of our National Performance Framework through the upcoming review of National Outcomes, and through consultation on a Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Bill

The introduction of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Bill to ensure fireworks are used safely and appropriately while also addressing the misuse of pyrotechnics

Bring forward legislation on electoral reform to be in force before the next Scottish Parliament elections, that will enable more people to stand as candidates at Scottish Parliament and local government elections and improve the accessibility of elections, with a particular focus on people with sight-loss.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Incorporate outcomes of the review of National Outcomes into the Council's Performance Framework. Review planned to conclude with report to Parliament in 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the planned engagement on the National Outcomes • Consider Review outcomes, revise the Council's Performance Framework • Prepare and Submit Council response to consultation on the Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Bill once publicly launched • Revise Council Policy, Guidance, and Committee report templates to reflect duties arising from the Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Bill once enacted 	2022 2023 Within Consultation timescales
Fireworks Licensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Licensing Policy, Guidance and Application Forms to reflect the terms of the new Act 	The Scottish Government intend to introduce a Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Bill in the Parliamentary session 2021/22. Timescales will be driven by the Scottish Government timetable for legislation and our actions will be progressed before the commencement date of the provisions of the Act
Electoral Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to any consultation on proposed legislation on electoral reform through COSLA, Professional Organisations and Electoral Management Board 	Regulatory/legislative changes will be reported to appropriate Committee(s). Services affected are likely to be Licensing,

		Environmental Services and Trading Standards.
Local Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through COSLA contribute to any remaining actions required to conclude the Local Governance Review and inform a Local Democracy Bill • Contribute to consultation on Local Democracy Bill 	<p>Timescales set by COSLA and Scottish Government</p> <p>Within consultation timescales</p>

EDUCATION

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The global COVID-19 pandemic has changed the complexion of education throughout Scotland. The innovative methods used to support remote learning during the lockdown has provided an opportunity to further develop a more personalised approach for learners.

As part of the Council's overall 2021/22 budget strategy, it was agreed that £2.245 million would be allocated to support educational recovery. This was additional funding in recognition of the challenges that children and young people have faced during the period of the pandemic and the essential role schools and establishments play in supporting recovery activity.

Since this allocation of Council funding, further acknowledgement nationally of the scale of the challenge has resulted in the Scottish Government providing £13.355 million to support recovery, with much of this funding allocated for specific purposes such as the cost of additional staff, logistics and developing a summer programme

DIGITAL CAPABILITIES

A key focus for Education Resources in the year ahead continues to be on digital inclusion and if required, remote learning. Investment will continue on supporting the ongoing development of approaches to digital learning in order to meet the needs of individual learners and to improve learner outcomes as well as using digital technology to engage with families, communities and young people.

The council intends to take steps to intensify and grow the contribution of the tech sector to the economy and create a world-class tech ecosystem through the implementation of the Logan Review as well as increase digital connectivity, skills and tackle digital exclusion. It is to introduce a Digital Strategy for Planning and aims to encourage the public sector to enable its estate to be used to increase access for digital provider masts.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Consideration of implications for Logan Review for South Lanarkshire for economic development, education and skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Scoping work on Review prior to the final response by the Scottish Government to the 34 recommendations related to education and skills.	Report on Review to be taken to appropriate committees
Develop digital recovery strategy to support ongoing response to Covid-19 and any potential return to remote learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Audit and map learner access to digital devices and respond to need, where possible.	Report on progress to the Education Resources Committee and at Qrt 2 and Qrt4.

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

To address the challenges presented by the pandemic in relation to youth unemployment it will use DYW as the solid foundation to build its response. It aims to build a new relationship with schools, colleges, and employers, to ensure support is directed where it can enable young people to secure new, high quality opportunities, and drive forward Scotland's economic and social recovery.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Supporting the development of Developing the Young Workforce to be relevant to the post-Covid-19 economic environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to take an active role in the Developing the Young Workforce Regional Group to ensuring its activities are relevant to the economic and social recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.	Included in regular reports to committee on Developing the Young Workforce in South Lanarkshire.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

It will also provide a framework on implementing, developing and evaluating a whole school approach to support children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. It will develop a recovery plan and programme for mental health services, including CAMHS, to support the recovery process. There will be a new mental health training & learning resource for all school staff, as well as 250 additional school nurses by the end of 2022.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Implementing whole school approach to mental health & wellbeing and school-based initiatives around digital mental health support, staff training and additional resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consideration of the adoption of the proposed framework for a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing and the implications for staff of new training and learning resources and additional school nurses.	Included in regular reports to committee on mental health and wellbeing - including the introduction of school counselling. Timing will depend on the outcome of the work by the Scottish Government on the new whole school support framework and the recovery process. Reports will be produced for the relevant committee.
Support care experienced young people aged 16-24 to develop their skills and experiences to achieve sustained positive destinations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Implement a further roll-out of the 'care experienced employability' pilot to increase employment opportunities across the council and with the Community Planning Partnership partners,	By June 2022 the extension of the pilot will provide additional opportunities for care experienced young people to have clear pathways for positive destinations.
Provide opportunities for young people to participate in vocational and employability learning programmes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deliver Foundation Apprenticeship and Gardu8 programmes in partnership South Lanarkshire College, New College Lanarkshire and Glasgow City College.	By June 2022 provide more opportunities for young people to be actively engaged in programmes that are intended to help deliver positive destinations.

Implement the national Health and Wellbeing Census in line with the National Improvement Framework.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll-out the survey to children and young people to gather evidence and to rationalise the collection of health and wellbeing data and to use this to effect improvements. 	Planned time table for roll-out and engagement with senior phase pupils by December 2021 with BGE phase pupils by April 2022.
Develop a post Covid-19 sustainability plan to support schools and educational settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empower the involvement of children and young people in COP26 sustainability related activities, including a forum for 'pupil voice' 	Youth Forum established in September 2021 and will report on its roll, progress and on how it can shape and influence policy and practice to the Council at regular intervals.

EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE

In South Lanarkshire since August 2020 the majority of eligible children have been receiving 1,140 hours of free Early Learning and Childcare. On 14 December 2020 a joint letter was issued from the Scottish Government and COSLA confirming that evidence considered by the ELC Joint Delivery Board recommended that the statutory duty to deliver 1,140 hours of funded ELC should be reinstated with effect from August 2021.

The new build and expansion to existing nurseries has increased the capacity for delivering 1,140 hours of ELC and 100% of eligible children have accessed the 1140 hours from August 2021. 7,572 children are currently attending an ELC provision with 5064 in a local authority setting and 2508 children attending a funded provider.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Implement in full the Scottish Government commitment on the expansion of 1,140 hours of free childcare and early learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council's investment and roll-out of 1,140 hours of early learning and childcare, in partnership funded providers continues to be a core part of the implementation strategy 	Regular reports to committee 1,1140 hours of free childcare and early learning to meet the needs of families.
Developing childcare models for school age children under the new framework.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoping out of potential demand for providing childcare for school aged children involving relevant council Resources and partners. 	Dependent on the timeframe set by the Scottish Government in its Framework for School Aged Childcare.

EXCELLENCE AND EQUITY ACROSS SCOTTISH EDUCATION

A UK wide study by the Education Endowment Foundation highlighted that, following the disruption to schooling in the 2022 spring and summer terms, there was an overall impact on pupils' progress in learning and that it was likely that there was a greater impact on the most dis-advantaged learners. Our focus in 2021-22 through our recovery and renewal plan will be on the need to deliver a curriculum

that meets the needs of all learners through learning pathways which will enable them to progress, develop their skills and enhance their wellbeing through interaction with their peers. A particular focus will remain on closing the poverty related attainment gap.

We will also account of the recommendations and outcomes arising from a number of national reviews, for example, on the impact of poverty on attainment; empowerment; and the highly influential reports on Scottish education from the International Council of Education Advisers (ICEA) on equity and excellence, and the findings from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on their review of Curriculum for Excellence <https://www.oecd.org/education/scotland-s-curriculum-for-excellence-bf624417-en.htm>

In line with the Tackling Child Poverty Action Plan, the council continues to support methods that encourages the uptake of school clothing grant to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of families. Alongside this, it will continue to improve support for pupils through implementation of the Morgan review of additional support for learning. It will also develop and deliver a new mental health training and learning resource for all school staff. It will also create new support for new teachers who have just completed their probation year allowing them to build on their existing skills and address the under representation of Minority Ethnic teachers in Scotland by exploring alternative pathways into teaching for Minority Ethnic and other underrepresented groups.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Maximising opportunities to tackle poverty related attainment gap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek to maximise opportunities for support from next phase of Scottish Attainment Challenge 	Regular reports provided to committee on the Scottish Attainment Challenge and tackling the poverty related attainment gap
Refresh strategy on Cost of the School Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review activities to address cost of the school day 	Included in regular reports to committee on Equity and updates provided within the Child Poverty Action Plan
Implement outcome of review of School Clothing Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to promote and review uptake levels of school clothing grant for those in receipt of Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction. (the Council uses this information to automatically award free school meals (P4 to S6) and/or school clothing grants (P1 to S6) to eligible families). 	Regular reviews of uptake by families in receipt of Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction
Implement Morgan Review recommendations on additional support for learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the implications arising from the Morgan Review recommendations on additional support for learning 	Report on Review to committee

Engage in efforts to expand pathways to teaching for those from Minority Ethnic communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider situation on Minority Ethnic teachers and support for probationary teachers 	Supporting the implementation of alternative pathways into teaching.
Potentially develop a proposal for consideration of support under the Learning Estate Investment Programme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider potential for accessing Learning Estate Investment Programme 	Regular updates provided to committee on the school estate
YOUTH WORK		
It has committed £3mn to a new Youth Work for Education Recovery Fund, supporting young people to engage with youth work activities that build their confidence and skills, support their health and well-being, and address the poverty-related attainment gap.		
FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Implement Youth Work for Education recovery programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Youth Work for Education recovery programme 	Production of local Youth Work for Education Recovery Programme
Develop a Youth Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with children and young people to develop a new Youth Strategy in which their views and voice are the building blocks to effect improvements. 	Aim to publish to coincide with National Youth Work Week in November 2021.
LIFELONG LEARNING STRATEGY		
Develop a lifelong learning strategy that ensures youth and adult learning are integrated within the wider education and skills system. Implementation of the strategy would seek to increase provision for vulnerable adults by building on existing and creating new learning partnerships between colleges, the Open University and community-based organisations. It will also continue to develop a School Engagement Framework to support pupils into the right choices, whether that is a modern apprenticeship, college, university, or employment.		
FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Development of integrated Lifelong Learning strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider potential for integrated all ages lifelong learning strategy 	Work will depend on when the Scottish Government produced its Integrated Lifelong Learning Strategy.
Support for School Engagement Framework on pupil choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in the development of the School Engagement Framework 	Work will depend on when the Scottish Government produced its School Engagement Framework

SOCIAL WORK

TOBACCO, DRUG AND ALCOHOL USAGE		
Tackle the drugs death emergency by investing £250 million over Current Parliament, focused on community-based interventions, quick access to treatment and expansion of residential rehabilitation. This year SG will ensure people have access to same-day treatment and a wider range of treatment options. Multi agency response in relation to the advent of MAT standards. Lived and living experience panels being set up to evidence shared decision making regarding response.		
FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Ensuring continued focus on council activities in relation to community-based interventions, such as the NFO pathway test of change and increase of naloxone distribution through peer workers; quick access to treatment and expansion of residential rehabilitation working in partnership to establish firm pathways for such and robust wrap around care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The council continues to deliver activities in relation to national and local strategies to tackle drug death emergencies within the local Alcohol and Drug Partnership. A drug death prevention group with multi agency input works with local and national data to respond to emerging trends and issues and promotion and refinement of intelligence gathered and shared 6-weekly. Similarly, an action plan developed for a pan Lanarkshire Alcohol related harms group aligned to national alcohol framework. Delivery of Lanarkshire Tobacco Control Strategy 2018-23 continues however the programme has been extended until 2024 due to social restrictions prohibiting action on tobacco prevention and education. https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/information/lanarkshire-tobacco-control-strategy-2018-2023/ Promotion of understanding of a whole family approach and family intensive support for people impacted by drug and alcohol use and working in close alignment with children 	Community based interventions commissioned through local ADP and anticipated for next three years; Residential rehabilitation pathways anticipated to be set up by December 2021; MAT standards to be in place by April 2022

	services partnership and public protection committees to promote a universal approach.	
REVIEW OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE		
Undertake the single biggest public service reform since the founding of the NHS – the creation of a National Care Service, following the consultation we launched in our first 100 days. By June 2022, we will bring forward legislation for its establishment		
FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Contribute constructively to the current consultation thereafter to consider the impact of legislation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide updates to relevant forums at appropriate stages • Contribute to the consultation • Provide updates to relevant forums • Consider wider implications for social care, not just adult social care 	Provide updates to relevant forums at appropriate stages
In tandem with developing the next Strategic Commissioning Plan 2022-25, undertake a high-level review of South Lanarkshire's Integration Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sense check the content of the current Integration Scheme in advance of further potential changes emanating from the implementation of a National Care Service 	March 2022
IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH OF HEALTHCARE AND SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE		
Support health and social care staff to look after their own mental health and wellbeing. As an immediate step SG are investing £8 million in a package of support this year, including the ongoing development of the National Wellbeing Hub, National Wellbeing Helpline, and psychological interventions and therapies for staff.		
FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Developing the approach to social care mental health support services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish work group to review how the Council can best promote mental wellbeing and support for social care staff within its wider employee support structure, including digital resources. There are a range of employee health and wellbeing groups across the Council and South Lanarkshire HSCP to support mental and physical wellbeing. 	Report to IJB and SW Committee as appropriate.

MENTAL HEALTH

Increase direct mental health investment by at least 25% over Current Parliament, ensuring that at least 10% of frontline NHS spend goes towards mental health and 1% goes on child and adolescent services.

Double funding for suicide prevention to £2.8 million per annum. This will ensure the right investment, policies and services are in place to underpin the new suicide prevention strategy – due to publish in 2022. Includes expanding awareness-raising and training on suicide prevention which will help workforces and communities respond to people who are at risk of suicide. In 2021, we will build on work underway by Public Health Scotland and NHS Education for Scotland to embed mental health training for staff in key public sector organisations.

CYP mental health budget to be increased with 1% of all frontline NHS spend to go to CAHMS. An increase in funding for upstream/preventative CYP community mental health support with a doubling of this from 15-30 million.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy for Lanarkshire (2019-2024) aims to transform mental health and wellbeing in Lanarkshire outlining protective and risk factors for good mental health. 	
Child and Adolescence Mental Health Services (CAMHS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Psychology working with CAMHS to ensure children's mental health pathway appropriate to individual needs. Planned refresh of Children and young people Mental Health Support Pathway Practitioners Guide. 	<p>Spring 2022</p> <p>Spring 2022</p>
Children and Young People Community Mental Health Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small team currently undertaking mapping exercise of all existing resources to support children and young people with mental health support. Mental Health and Wellbeing Subgroup established and reporting into the Children's Services Planning Governance Structure, 	<p>January 2022</p> <p>Regular reports provided to GIRSLC Strategy Group and Partnership Board</p>

	<p>Getting it Right for South Lanarkshire's Children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lanarkshire wide post recruitment underway, to provide analysis and better understanding. 	<p>Reports presented to Mental Health Strategy Group and other relevant forums.</p>
<p>Suicide Prevention - Development and delivery of local action plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifelines Lanarkshire was launched in South Lanarkshire on 11 May 2021. The multi-agency guidance is for people working with children and young people who may be at risk of self-harm and suicide. • The aim of Lifelines Lanarkshire is to help keep children and young people safe and to enhance the skills and knowledge base of staff to improve the support they can provide. • For more information go to www.childprotectionsouthlanarkshire.org.uk/lifelines • Local guidance published in April 2021 Local Area Suicide Prevention Action Plan Guidance COSLA • Liaising with a number of local areas to determine their support needs to test areas of the guidance 	<p>A Suicide Alert Briefing for Health & Social Care and Call Handling Staff has been adapted for Lanarkshire with permission from Borders.</p> <p>250 staff have participated in the briefing including all Track & Trace staff. Plans are underway to deliver to all NHSL Pharmacists & Care Home Staff.</p>
<p>Creation and implementation of refreshed mental health and suicide prevention training</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangements have been made to provide a range of resources through digital and e-learning to support the learning needs around mental health, self-harm, and suicide prevention of the workforce, in line with current Scottish Government guidelines and restrictions. • United to Prevent Suicide launched United to Prevent Suicide 	<p>Procurement process complete</p>
<p>Co-ordinated approach to public awareness campaigns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on two smaller campaigns for this year, one around men and the other for children and young people 	

Develop appropriate reviews into all deaths by suicide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and support the delivery of innovations in digital technology that improve suicide prevention • Timely and effective support to those bereaved by suicide. • Service provider will be announced once new minister is in place and launched summer 2021 • Use evidence of effectiveness of models of crisis support to make recommendations and share best practice 	Final recommendations paper will be presented to NSPLG and published once approved
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KINSHIP CARERS

Work with local authorities to introduce a national minimum allowance for foster and kinship care.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Produce a support framework for kinship carers, including allowances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with the kinship collaborative and the recommendations over allowances. 	Progress reports to be produced for relevant committees.

CHILDREN'S SAFETY AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

Deliver a revolution in children's rights, including across the justice system: Alongside work to #KeepThePromise to care experienced young people, started work this year to ensure access to a "Bairns' Hoose" by 2025: a child-friendly environment providing trauma informed recovery, improving children's experience of the criminal justice system, and preventing them from being re-traumatised.

Work across Government to #KeepThePromise – investing £500 million in a Whole Family Wellbeing Fund over the Parliament, to reduce crisis intervention and keep children and young people with their families.

UNCRC Incorporation into Scots law: 'While a judgement is awaited on the UK Government's challenge on the legislative competence of certain provisions of the bill, between now and March 2024, invest £4 million to support public services to consistently uphold children's rights'.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Ensure Children's Rights upheld, and staff knowledge of UNCRC enhanced.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Promise Board and Champions Board established with the voice of children and young people at the centre. 	Progress reports to be produced for relevant committees and partnership boards.

Ensure our care experienced child and young people receive the right care and protection at the right time, in the right place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throughcare and aftercare team providing support to our children and young people 	Progress reports to be produced for relevant committees and partnership boards
Promote the uptake of benefits to ensure family income is maximised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Money Matters Advice Services (MMAS) ensure benefit checks are offered to all service users who contact the service and follow up assistance to apply for benefits is provided. Work with stakeholders throughout South Lanarkshire to promote MMAS and use a multi-channel approach of both print and social media to share information, particularly at key points in the years e.g. when schools are returning and as new benefits are released, including the Scottish Social Security Agency's, Child Disability Payment." 	
COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE		
From 2030, invest at least 5% of all community-based health and social care spend in preventative whole family support measures.		
FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Implement commissioning intentions outlined in the Strategic Commissioning Plan – where a key target is to shift the balance of spend towards early intervention and prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early intervention and prevention is one of 13 strategic priorities in the current SCP. It was also highlighted by members of the public and stakeholders as being in the top 3 of the 13 priorities 	A new Strategic Commissioning Plan for 2022-25 is being developed and initial feedback from the consultation and engagement undertaken to date, is the need for a continued focus on early intervention and prevention
SAFER COMMUNITIES		
Transform the way in which justice services are delivered – moving away from the use of custody for those who don't pose a risk of serious harm, while protecting the police resource budget in real terms for the entirety of the Parliament		
Starting this year, invest £100 million to support frontline services and focus on prevention of Violence against women and girls from school onward.		

We will expand the availability of the Caledonian System and increasing investment to £10 million over the next two years in the internationally recognised behavioural change programme for perpetrators of domestic abuse by working with the whole family to reduce the risk of harm to women and children.

Investment in a substantial expansion of community justice services supporting diversion from prosecution, alternatives to remand and community sentencing.

Establish a new Community Justice Strategy by Spring 2022

Introduce a Bail and Release from Custody Bill

Introduce a new framework, specific to the justice system, to give staff the knowledge and skills they need to understand and adopt a trauma informed approach.

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Continue to support the community justice agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review how community justice services are delivered as part of the Scottish Government's Recover, Renew and Transform programme to address the backlog of courts cases. This will provide an opportunity to shift to more sustainable community-based alternatives to custody, including diversion from prosecution, alternatives to remand and community sentencing. Working in partnership with Community Justice Scotland in the development of its new national strategy. The national strategy will inform the development of the new local Community Justice Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP). 	<p>Progress reports to be produced and presented timeously to relevant committees and partnership boards.</p> <p>Spring 2022</p> <p>March 2022</p>

Continue to deliver the Caledonian System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular monitoring with support partner Women's Aid in the delivery of the Caledonian system. 	Progress reports to be produced and presented timeously to relevant committees and partnership boards.
Continue to support the prevention of Violence against women and girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender based violence partnership continue to develop this agenda. 	Progress reports to be produced and presented timeously to relevant committees and partnership boards.
HEALTH SPENDING AND NHS RECOVERY PLAN (NEW)		
<p>Increase frontline health spending by 20% over Current Parliament – providing at least £2.5 billion in additional funding by 2026-27. We will deliver the first increase through the 2022-23 budget.</p> <p>Increase primary care funding by 25% over this Parliament, with half of all frontline health spend going on community health services – ensuring people get care at a time and in a place and way which best suits them.</p> <p>Drive forward our NHS Recovery Plan – investing £29 million this year to provide an additional 78,000 diagnostic procedures and increase inpatient and day case activity by 10% in 2022-23 and outpatient activity by 10% by 2025-26.</p> <p>Invest £10 billion over the next decade to replace and refurbish Scotland's health facilities, including £400 million in a new network of National Treatment Centres to increase elective care capacity. Work will start this year on two additional Centres in Cumbernauld and Ayrshire</p>		
FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
To be confirmed in due course when further guidance is received from the Scottish Government.		
RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION FRAMEWORK (NEW)		
<p>Implement a recovery and rehabilitation Framework will ensure that by the end of 2025 all adults who require rehabilitation will have timely access to the right services, in the right place. Work with Health Boards and Integration Joint Boards to eliminate referral and criteria-based routes to rehabilitation and move towards "request for assistance" models that ensure no one is excluded from accessing support. We are also working with health, social care, third sector and leisure trusts to ensure there are good quality, easily accessible community-based rehabilitation resources available across all sectors.</p>		

FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Integrated Rehabilitation Teams (IRTs) assess, treat, and support service users referred to the service or those already on the caseload.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend the Integrated Community support Team model across the four localities to include a rehabilitation and home first principle. 	December 2022
Use of Near Me intervention to facilitate treatment and recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue with the scaling up of the use of Near Me as a further access point for people who require services or support. 	Commenced and ongoing
REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS		
<p>We will refresh and expand our New Scots Refugee Integration Strategy, and award £2.8 million in EU funding to new projects to spread good practices and support innovation under the outcomes and objectives of the Strategy.</p> <p>This year we will provide an additional £500,000 to support local authorities to accommodate more unaccompanied asylum-seeking children arriving in Scotland.</p> <p>Next summer we will also launch Scotland's new Independent Child Trafficking Guardians service to provide ongoing practical help and support to refugee children and young people, including victims of trafficking, who arrive in Scotland alone.</p>		
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This year we will provide an additional £500,000 to support local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work with Social Work to understand any housing requirements and 	

authorities to accommodate more unaccompanied asylum-seeking children arriving in Scotland.	plan to meet need (via social or private rented housing)	
Next summer we will also launch Scotland's new Independent Child Trafficking Guardians service to provide ongoing practical help and support to refugee children and young people, including victims of trafficking, who arrive in Scotland alone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Support is available from the <u>Scottish Guardianship Service</u> via Aberlour in response to young people both trafficked, and asylum seeking. The Scottish Guardians help child refugees and victims of trafficking to navigate the immigration and welfare processes, act as advocates on their behalf and provide information and advice to make sure they feel empowered throughout the asylum process.

HOUSING & TECHNICAL

HOUSING		
<p>Undertake a review of purpose-built student accommodation in the next twelve months, making recommendations on regulation, affordability, and the role of local authorities.</p> <p>Deliver 110,000 affordable homes across Scotland by 2032, with at least 70% in the social rented sector and 10% in our remote, rural and island communities supported by a Remote, Rural & Islands Action Plan.</p> <p>Invest at least £1.8 billion over Current Parliament in decarbonising homes and buildings – with the aim of converting at least 1 million homes and the equivalent of 50,000 non-domestic buildings to low or zero-emission heating by 2030.</p> <p>All new homes delivered by registered social landlords and local authorities to be zero emission homes by 2026. Launching a £30 million call for green heating and energy efficiency projects in social housing through the Social Housing Net Zero Heat Fund – supporting projects that can accelerate the deployment of low carbon heat in existing social housing, with fund open over the course of Current Parliament with up to £100 million available.</p> <p>Improve standards and rights across all housing tenures – publishing a new Rented Sector Strategy by the end of the year and bringing forward legislation to implement an effective system of rent controls before the end of Current Parliament.</p>		
FOCUS	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
Undertake a review of purpose-built student accommodation in the next twelve months, making recommendations on regulation, affordability, and the role of local authorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a limited number of purpose-built student accommodation in South Lanarkshire but will monitor progress in this area and ensure options for influencing guidance during development are taken forward. Once published, actions within guidance will be incorporated and progressed within Local Housing Strategy and Strategic Housing Investment Plan. 	<p>Any recommendations will likely be delivered within the 2022-27 Local Housing Strategy, due to be developed throughout 2021-22. Elected members will be invited to be involved in the development of the consultative draft, with Executive Committee approval sought for the final version.</p> <p>The Strategic Housing Investment Plan is refreshed annually and presented to both Housing and Technical Resources Committee and the Scottish Government around November each year.</p>

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		South Lanarkshire will be transitioned to decarbonised heat sources and have their overall energy efficiency improved.
All new homes delivered by registered social landlords and local authorities to be zero emission homes by 2026.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor progress in this area and ensure options for influencing guidance during development are taken forward. • Once published, actions within guidance will be incorporated and progressed within Local Housing Strategy and Strategic Housing Investment Plan. • Considerations already underway as to how this will impact the costs, resources and skills involved in delivering the new build programme. 	<p>Any recommendations will likely be delivered within the 2022-27 Local Housing Strategy, due to be developed throughout 2021-22. Elected members will be invited to be involved in the development of the consultative draft, with Executive Committee approval sought for the final version.</p> <p>The Strategic Housing Investment Plan is refreshed annually and presented to both Housing and Technical Resources Committee and the Scottish Government around November each year.</p> <p>This action has also been proposed for inclusion within the next Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy (2022-27)</p>
Improve standards and rights across all housing tenures – publishing a new Rented Sector Strategy by the end of the year and bringing forward legislation to implement an effective system of rent controls before the end of Current Parliament.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue contribution to the development of national guidance, regulation, and legislation • Once published, actions within guidance will be incorporated and progressed within Local Housing Strategy. 	Any recommendations will likely be delivered within the 2022-27 Local Housing Strategy, due to be developed throughout 2021-22. Elected members will be invited to be involved in the development of the consultative draft, with Executive Committee approval sought for the final version.

HOMELESSNESS

Invest an additional £50 million to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping, taking forward our Ending Homelessness Together action plan – including specific work to scale up Housing First more rapidly; end the use of communal night shelters; advance legislative protections for people experiencing domestic abuse; and explore alternative ways to reduce migrant homelessness.

Strengthen existing homelessness prevention legislation and introduce new duties on public bodies to ask people about their housing situation and take action if needed, supporting the development of a culture of early intervention, consulting later this year.

Work over the next three years to identify accommodation pathways for those with No Recourse to Public Funds

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Strengthen existing homelessness prevention legislation and introduce new duties on public bodies to ask people about their housing situation and take action if needed, supporting the development of a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise local approaches to reflect national guidance and developments. Through the continued implementation of the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan, work with partners to maximise homelessness prevention. 	<p>The Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan 2019-24 was approved by Housing and Technical Resources Committee on 23 January 2019 and is reviewed annually. Updates will be on progress through the annual review of the Rapid Rehousing</p>

culture of early intervention, consulting later this year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress multi agency prevention/response approach pilot in East Kilbride locality to test approaches for wider roll out 	Transition Plan, presented to Housing and Technical Resources Committee.
Work over the next three years to identify accommodation pathways for those with No Recourse to Public Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise local approaches to reflect national guidance and developments. Any subsequent actions to be taken forward with partners, via the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan. 	<p>The Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan 2019-24 was approved by Housing and Technical Resources Committee on 23 January 2019 and is reviewed annually.</p> <p>Updates will be on progress through the annual review of the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan, presented to Housing and Technical Resources Committee.</p>
We will do everything in our power to improve support for people at risk of destitution, delivering on our Ending Destitution Together strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop service to appropriately support tenants experiencing destitution. Monitor developments and incorporate into existing housing support options as applicable. 	<p>Following confirmation of guidance and approach, any additional funding opportunities or service provision would be managed through the partnership Homelessness Strategy Group.</p> <p>Progress and developments in this area will be reported to Housing and Technical Resources Committee as part of the annual review of the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan.</p>

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GYPSY/TRAVELLERS ACTION PLAN (NEW)		
<p>Continue to implement the Gypsy/ Travellers Action Plan, working with COSLA to deliver this important commitment to improving the lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Traveller community</p> <p>With COSLA, SG are committed to more and better Gypsy/Traveller accommodation, to allow Gypsy/ Travellers to enjoy their right to an adequate home, while also maintaining cultural traditions. We have introduced a new £20 million Gypsy/Traveller Accommodation Fund, supporting local authorities to establish model sites. Funding proposals are currently being assessed, with the first projects expected to start before the end of 2021-22.</p>		
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Supporting and meeting the needs of Gypsy/Travellers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor progress and contribute to the development of national approach. • Ensure that local service provision is developed to reflect any support available nationally • Incorporate any additional or revised approaches within Local Housing Strategy and equalities frameworks. 	<p>Key actions to support local Gypsy/Traveller communities are already contained within the Local Housing Strategy.</p> <p>Amendments or additions to these will be taken forward and presented to Executive Committee as part of the annual review process.</p>
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expected to start before the end of 2021-22.	<p>ensure the sites meet both fire safety and minimum standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A range of improvement projects are currently being completed on the sites. This includes a new community facility, pitch extensions, installation of free Wi-Fi and upgrades to the amenity units.	
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