

‘Report later’ measures from 2021/2022

Update of Community and Enterprise Resource Plan 2021/2022 Quarter 4 Progress Report

Measure	Comments at Quarter 4 2021/2022	Updated status	Updated comments
Percentage of streets found to be acceptable during LEAMS Survey	<p>This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2021/2022 data will not be available until January 2023.</p> <p>2020/2021 results show that South Lanarkshire Council continues to score higher for its street cleansing service than the Scottish average, with 94.1% of streets surveyed found to be of an acceptable standard in 2020-21. This is down slightly from 94.8% in 2019/2020, however we are still above the Scottish average. It should be considered that since March 2020 we have had to introduce a more fluid service to protect our staff who have been working at the front line during the COVID-19 pandemic to continue to ensure that our streets remain clean and tidy, bins are emptied, and fly tipping is removed. It should also be noted that the Street Cleansing service were finalists in the 2021 APSE Service Awards for the whole of the UK in the category of “Best performer in Street Cleansing”</p>		<p><u>Target</u> - > 94.1% (2020/2021 level)</p> <p><u>Actual</u> - 92.1%</p> <p>Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) 2021/2022 results show that South Lanarkshire Council continues to score higher for its street cleansing service than the Scottish average, with 92.1% of streets surveyed found to be of an acceptable standard, although this is down slightly from 94.1% in 2020/2021.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the Street Cleansing service were once again finalists in the 2022 APSE Service Awards for the whole of the UK in the category of “Best performer in Street Cleansing”</p>
Town vacancy rates (vacant retail units as a percentage of the total units)	<p>This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2021/2022 data will not be available until January 2023.</p> <p>In 2020/2021, the vacancy rate decreased. Positively, this put South Lanarkshire below the Scottish Average (12.4%). Vacancy rates across South Lanarkshire held up reasonably well through the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, however, there is bit of fluctuation across the various towns, and we continue to work with the relevant stakeholders. South Lanarkshire is fortunate in so far as many of the smaller towns and settlements have no or very few vacancies. Economic Development are working with private sector, business groups and partners to deliver on town centre strategies, accessing Scottish Government regeneration funding and seeking to diversify uses in town centres to</p>		<p><u>Target</u> - <12.4% (2020/2021 Scottish Av)</p> <p><u>Actual</u> - 9.85%</p> <p>As anticipated, Town centre vacancy rates have continued to increase in line with the rest of the country, from 8.80 in 2020/2021 to 9.85 in 2021/2022. This is obviously a disappointing trend however we are seeing many positive examples of new occupiers across our town centres, and we remain slightly ahead of the Scottish average. The challenge across all town is significant, however, we are seeing the anticipated early signs of new footfall patterns as a result of people working from home, and although it is still not a positive measure, the vacancy rate is increasing at a slower rate than many other areas.</p>

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	maintain viability and vibrancy.		There are some key centres where the rates are especially high, e.g. East Kilbride, which pulls the average up. There are a number of factors affecting this including the loss of key anchor retailers in a short period of time and areas which have been allowed to become vacant by the private sector owners in order to facilitate wider redevelopment. When these aspects are factored in, overall South Lanarkshire is in a better position than we have been for a few years although much still needs to be achieved.
Reduction in the council's carbon emissions achieved by March 2022 (buildings, waste, transport etc.	Data for 2021/2022 will not be available until July 2022, however, interim data for this year is showing reductions, which have largely been affected by COVID-19 safety measures.		<p><u>Target</u> - 5% reduction (compared to 2019/2020)</p> <p><u>Actual</u> - 17% reduction (compared to 2019/2020)</p> <p>The results for financial year 2021/2022 were calculated and reported to CMT in August 2022. It was reported that the council's carbon emissions reduced by 17% compared with baseline year 2019/2020. This is partly due to the continued service disruption throughout the year due to Covid, reductions in national carbon conversion factors and reduced amounts of household waste going to landfill.</p>
Immediately available employment land as a percentage of total land allocated for employment purposes in the local development plan	<p>This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2021/2022 data will not be available until January 2023.</p> <p>In 2020/2021, there was a slight decrease in the supply of marketable land as a proportion of total allocated employment land at 37.5%, which is down from 38.5% in 2019/2020. This brings South Lanarkshire just below the Scottish average. A reduction in immediately available employment land is, however, a positive sign that South Lanarkshire remains an attractive investment location. The market for industrial space has been very active over the last 2 years with private developers taking advantage of strong demand and healthy rental levels at key locations to construct</p>		<p><u>Target</u> - 37.5% (2020/2021 level)</p> <p><u>Actual</u> - 12.73%</p> <p>In 2021/2022, there was a notable decrease in the supply of marketable land as a proportion of total allocated employment land at 12.73%, which is down from 37.5% in 2020/2021. As such, South Lanarkshire remains below the Scottish average of 27.19%. It should be noted that the methodology for categorising business and industrial land supply has changed.</p> <p>Following the approval of the National Planning Framework (NPF4) by the Scottish Parliament</p>

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	new industrial units for lease. Economic Development will seek to increase marketing of key investment sites as the new Economic Strategy is implemented and will also compliment this with support for new industrial development by the private sector, identification and appraisal of potential new investment sites, and opportunities to maintain an adequate supply of employment-land through collaboration with private and public sector partners.		on 13 February 2023. Formal authority to commence work on the next iteration of the South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan will be sought from the Planning Committee in May 2023. This will provide an opportunity to identify new land and sites for economic and employment purposes.
Maintain 3-year business survival rate	<p>The 3-year business survival rate figure comes from ONS sources and is not yet available for reporting this year.</p> <p>The most recently reported data is for 2017 to 2020, when the 3-year business survival rate had fallen slightly to 53.2%. In 2016 to 2019 the figure was 54.4% (1.2% decrease). It is difficult to understand the reasons for this decline, as we are not closely involved in measuring this data. There is a 'churn' in business start-up and failure, as this often encompasses self-employment as a consequence of redundancy, often followed by shut down to take up new, secure employment. The new Business Gateway contractor, Elevator, who have just completed their first year of delivery in Lanarkshire, are specifically tasked with increasing business start-ups and also to increase the business survival rate. In addition, we have refocused SLC business support grant funding towards improving these areas of performance. Additional Economic Development resources have been secured, with new officers focusing on key sectors, improved marketing and promotion, developing business networks and encouraging inward investment, which, it is hoped, will see these stats improve over the next 3 years.</p>		Data still not available. The 3-year business survival rate figure comes from ONS sources, and not yet available for reporting
Number of business gateway start-ups per 10,000 population	This is a Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) indicator. 2021/2022 data will not be published until January 2023, however, provisional figures suggest there were approximately 15.3 Business Gateway start-ups per		<p><u>Target</u> - >15.6 (2017/2018 level)</p> <p><u>Actual</u> - 15.71</p> <p>The number of business gateway start-ups per 10,000 population</p>

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	<p>10,000 population during 2021/2022. This is an improvement on the previous year, which saw a reduction in recorded Business Gateway start-ups owing to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. A new Business Gateway contractor, Elevator, took over the Lanarkshire Business Gateway contract on 1 March 2021, which is contributing to this improvement.</p>		<p>has increased from 8.95 in 2020/2021 to 15.71 in 2021/2022. This is higher (better than) the Scottish Average of 14.41, and places South Lanarkshire in 17th place in the rankings (an improvement from 23rd in 2020/2021).</p> <p>Economic Development continue to work with the Lanarkshire Business Gateway contractor, Elevator, to increase business start-up and sustainability.</p>