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## What's your strategy

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- Buy-in and engagement
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# Sustainable environment

#### Outcomes

- 1. South Lanarkshire's natural environment is protected, enhanced and respected
- 2. South Lanarkshire's enhanced environment provides health and wellbeing benefits to local communities.

#### Outcomes

Communities

Sustainable

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

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- 2. The council's strategies, plans and policies support communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate.
- 3. Local communities are supported in taking action to be more environmentally responsible.

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#### Vision

People live and work sustainably in South Lanarkshire while respecting and enjoying the benefits of a high quality environment.

#### Outcomes

1. The council's carbon emissions are managed and reduced.

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2. The council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources.

3. The public sector climate Sustainable Council change duties are further embedded in service delivery and partnership working.

Sustainable Development and Climate Change Framework

Theme	Outcome	How we intend to achieve outcomes
Council	The council's carbon emissions are managed and	Implement our Carbon Management Plan to reduce the council's carbon footprint in line with the Scottish Government's targets
	reduced	Continue to implement energy efficiency measures across council facilities including investment in renewable and low carbon energy solutions
		Implement measures within the council's fleet to contribute to the Scottish Government's ambition of the decarbonisation of road transport
		Continue to improve the efficiency of our business travel and promote more sustainable travel options for employees
	The council is environmentally responsible	Continue to develop procurement processes to improve environmental outcomes and ensure compliance with the council's sustainable procurement duty
	in the procurement, use and disposal of resources	Create a culture of resource efficiency in the workplace
		Maximise the use of environmentally responsible materials and reduce, reuse and recycle construction waste in new and refurbished council facilities
	The public sector climate change duties are further	Demonstrate leadership and further develop partnership approaches in sustainable development and climate change action
	embedded in service delivery and partnership	Ensure that sustainable development and climate change is used as a guiding principle in council plans, policies and strategies and these incorporate environmental considerations
	working	Take account of the public sector climate change duties (mitigation, adaptation and acting sustainably) when making decisions about the use of our assets and capital investment in our estate
		Continue to raise awareness of sustainable development and the business impacts of climate change with our employees and develop the skills required across the council to influence and adapt to change

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Sustainable	South Lanarkshire's natural	Review and assess air quality throughout South Lanarkshire in line with our Air Quality
Environment	environment is protected,	Strategy
	enhanced and respected	Ensure our planning and land use policies protect and enhance the natural environment and ecosystem services
		Continue to measure progress and report on the state of South Lanarkshire's environment
		Meet our statutory biodiversity duty by implementing our Biodiversity Duty Implementation Plan which will enhance and protect biodiversity through managing our own estate
		Contribute to South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Partnership's action plan ensuring ecosystems are used sustainably and strengthened
		Use our natural environment to help mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change
	South Lanarkshire's enhanced environment	Continue to develop the Greenspace Strategic Partnership to enable people to learn, play and be physically active outdoors in South Lanarkshire
	provides health and wellbeing benefits to local communities	Work in partnership to develop and implement South Lanarkshire's Outdoor Access Strategy
		Continue to educate our young people about the local environment in which they live and encourage them to reduce the negative impacts they have upon it
		Provide environmental volunteering opportunities and support community groups to manage local environmental projects

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		Incorporate inclusive and sustainable place-making principles into the design and delivery of area-based housing development projects and programmes
	That council's strategies, plans and policies support	Continue to divert waste from landfill by providing and encouraging the effective use of household waste management services across South Lanarkshire
	communities to live more sustainably, reduce carbon	Work in partnership to help build resilience in local communities and mitigate against the potential increase of health and social inequalities from the impacts of climate change
	emissions and adapt to a changing climate	Work in partnership to ensure that local infrastructure is resilient to the impacts of climate change and seek opportunities for including blue-green infrastructure to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change
		Encourage the uptake of low emission vehicles across South Lanarkshire





## **Levers and Drivers**

- Sustainable Development Goals
- Public Sector Climate Change Duties statutory reporting

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- Paris Agreement
- Climate Emergency
- Net-zero target

## **Challenges and Barriers**

- Middle Management
- Lack of agency
- Conflicting priorities
- Silo working
- Annual budgeting/Funding/Financing
- Risk Taking



## What works well and needs improving

### Works Well

- Governance/Leadership
- Framework and environmental statement
- Sustainable South Lanarkshire Branding

### Needs Improving

- Collaborative climate change projects with Community Planning Partners
- Climate Change Adaptation at an organisational level
- Community engagement