



# **Strategic Environmental Assessment**

## **Post Adoption Statement**

### **South Lanarkshire Council Plan 'Connect'**

**2012 - 2017**

**March 2014**

# Cover Note

## Part 1

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## Part 2

A post-adoption SEA statement is attached for the Plan, Programme or Strategy (PPS) entitled:

South Lanarkshire Council Plan 'Connect'

The Responsible Authority is:

South Lanarkshire Council

## Part 3

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**Post-adoption SEA statement for:**

South Lanarkshire Council Plan 'Connect'

**Adopted on:**

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**Post-adoption SEA Statement  
Introduction**

This document (referred to here as the post-adoption SEA statement) has been prepared in accordance with Section 18 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

**Post-adoption SEA Statement  
Availability of Documents**

**Website**

The full Council Plan, 'Connect', as adopted, along with the Environmental Report and Post-adoption SEA Statement is available on South Lanarkshire Council's website at:

[www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/council\\_plan\\_2012-2017](http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/council_plan_2012-2017)

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# Key facts about the Council Plan 'Connect'

## Responsible Authority

South Lanarkshire Council

## Title of Policy, Plan or Strategy

South Lanarkshire Council Plan 'Connect' 2012 - 2017

## Purpose of the Council Plan

The Council Plan sets out high level strategic objectives and areas of priority for the Council to be addressed over the period 2012 – 2017.

## What prompted the Council Plan

(for example, a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)

Although the Council Plan does not have a legal status it is required to identify how the Council will deliver its vision and priorities over the lifetime of the Plan. It helps to direct strategic decision making and influences the way the Council delivers services and manages performance.

## Subject

(for example, transport, town planning)

Strategic corporate activities.

## Period covered

The Council Plan covers the period from April 2012 to March 2017.

## Frequency of updates

A mid-term review is planned for 2014 – 2015.

## Area of the Council Plan

(for example, geographical area)

The Council Plan covers the South Lanarkshire area and the population within.

## Summary of nature/content of the Council Plan

The Council's vision is to 'improve the quality of life of everyone in South Lanarkshire'.

The Council Plan outlines high level strategic objectives and areas of priority for the Council to be addressed over the period 2012 – 2017. These are designed to deliver the long-term vision of the Council and reflect established values. The Plan also identifies anticipated outcomes – the difference being made and the objectives explain how these will be achieved.

The Council Plan sits below the South Lanarkshire Community Plan 'Stronger Together' in the hierarchy of policies, plans and strategies. Its objectives contribute towards the strategic delivery of the South Lanarkshire Community Plan. The Council Plan also establishes the strategic direction for lower level Resource (departmental) Plans and programmes.

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# Strategic Environmental Assessment Process

The Council Plan 'Connect' has been subject to a process of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), as required under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. This has included the following activities:

- Taking into account the views of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Scottish Ministers (Historic Scotland) regarding the scope and level of detail appropriate for the Environmental Report.
- Preparing an Environmental Report on the likely significant effects on the environment of the draft Council Plan which included consideration of:
  - the baseline data relating to the current state of the environment;
  - links between the Council Plan and other relevant strategies, policies, plans, programmes and environmental protection objectives;
  - existing environmental problems affecting the Council Plan;
  - the plan's likely significant effects on the environment (positive and negative);
  - measures envisaged for the prevention, reduction and offsetting of any significant adverse effects;
  - an outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives chosen;
  - monitoring measures to ensure that any unforeseen environmental effects will be identified allowing for appropriate remedial action to be taken.
- Consulting on the Environmental Report
- Taking into account the Environmental Report and the results of consultation in making final decisions regarding the Council Plan
- Committing to monitoring the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the Council Plan. This will also identify any unforeseen adverse significant environmental effects and enable the Council to take appropriate remedial action.

## Considerations taken into account

Table 1 below sets out:

- the environmental problems identified in the Environmental Report and explains how these have been taken into account in the preparation of the adopted version of the Council Plan;
- the significant negative effects identified in the Environmental Report and whether/how these have been dealt with in the adopted version of the Council Plan;
- the measures for prevention, reduction and offsetting of significant effects identified in the Environmental Report plus any revised measures considered and integrated into the adopted version of the Council Plan; and
- the significant positive effects identified in the Environmental Report and whether/how these have been dealt with in the adopted version of the Council Plan.

**Table 1: Problems Identified in the Environmental Report**

Environmental considerations and findings from the Environmental Report	Integrated into the Council Plan (yes/no)	How the issue has been integrated/taken into account or reason for not being taken into account
<b>Population and Human Health</b>		
General health indicators across South Lanarkshire are below the national average, particularly in social, economic and environmentally deprived communities. There are differences across South Lanarkshire in mortality rates, with clear links between poor health, poverty and deprivation, with life expectancy lower in deprived areas.	Yes	Priority objective to 'tackle disadvantage and deprivation' focuses on the significant inequalities, including poorer health. There is also a specific objective to 'improve and maintain health and increase physical activity'.
<b>Biodiversity</b>		
South Lanarkshire has a wide range of habitats. However, most suffer from historical fragmentation and decline. The use of new land for Although fragmentation between habitats is of concern, the main environmental pressures affecting biodiversity include invasive non-native species and inappropriate development insensitive to the natural environment.	Yes	Priority objective 'Develop a sustainable Council and communities' will, together with other linked plans and strategies, ensure that development planning, countryside management and environmental protection in the South Lanarkshire area are in line with biodiversity concerns and considerations.
<b>Climate</b>		
The climate in South Lanarkshire is changing with a rise in the average annual temperature, wetter summers, cooler winters and less frost and snowfall. These climatic shifts along with more extreme weather events will have a dramatic impact on South Lanarkshire's environment as well as the population. The	Yes	'Develop a sustainable Council and communities' objective will ensure that the Council delivers services in an environmentally friendly manner, taking into account its statutory duties to contribute to actions on climate change. This includes contributing to the Scottish

Environmental considerations and findings from the Environmental Report	Integrated into the Council Plan (yes/no)	How the issue has been integrated/ taken into account or reason for not being taken into account
<p>main greenhouse gas emitted in South Lanarkshire is CO<sub>2</sub>, deriving from transport, industry and domestic sources. In order to mitigate against climate change both the cause and consequence must address. Air quality across South Lanarkshire is generally good however there are some areas where air quality exceeds national limits set to protect human health. Atmospheric pollutants released within South Lanarkshire also contribute to long-range pollutants that affect habitats and individual species.</p>		<p>Government's plans to create a low-carbon economy and reduce emissions. The objective 'improve and maintain health and increase physical activity' includes the development of an Air Quality Strategy for South Lanarkshire.</p>
<b>Material and Cultural Assets</b>		
<p>South Lanarkshire offers a wide variety of recreational activities, with many areas well serviced by both recreational green space and built facilities, whilst public access to the wider environment is provided through facilities such as the 'Core Path Network' and key cycle routes. Waste generation across South Lanarkshire is steadily increasing along with the level of recycling. Its historic and built heritage is complex and varied, from medieval burghs through to the WHS of New Lanark. There are numerous castles and listed buildings, particularly in the medieval burghs and numerous buried archaeological assets. Pressures on historic assets come mainly from development, altering the physical or environmental setting of the historical assets.</p>	Yes	<p>This is promoted by the objective 'to promote participation in cultural activities and provide quality facilities to support communities'. The objective 'improve and maintain health and increase physical activity' includes a commitment to promote opportunities for walking, cycling and horse riding. SLC measure and aim to reduce waste and increase recycling in line with national targets. An environmentally sensitive approach to development and planning under the objective 'develop a sustainable Council and communities' has taken account of this issue</p>
<b>Landscape</b>		
<p>South Lanarkshire's landscape is characterised by its diverse range of land use and cover, dominated by the Lowther Hills and the Clyde Valley. The diversity of landscape across the area is a key feature of South Lanarkshire, with areas of dense population, where development poses a risk to the landscape and local characteristics, including the green belt, recreational and green space networks.</p>	Yes	<p>The objective 'improving the quality of the physical environment' aims to maintain and improve the landscape in its wider sense. The objective 'develop a sustainable Council and communities' will review and use the Local Development Plan to create more sustainable communities. The objective 'improve the quality of the physical environment' aims to maintain the cleanliness of streets and land and protection of biodiversity and greenspace.</p>



## Considering opinions expressed during consultation

Table 2 sets out how the responses to the consultation of the Environmental Report (ER) have been taken into account through the preparation of the adopted version of the Council Plan.

**Table 2: Taking Account of Consultation Responses**

Consultation authority / Respondent	Summary of comments	How the comment was taken into consideration
Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)	We are satisfied that an adequate assessment of the plan has been undertaken and our comments on the scoping report have been considered.	Noted.
	It is noted that the monitoring plan will be conducted through the monitoring requirements of the Single Outcome Agreement and the Council's own service monitoring plans, we are content that in this case it is appropriate to use existing monitoring frameworks	Noted.
The Scottish Ministers (Historic Scotland)	I welcome that the comments we provided on the scoping report on 29 July 2012 have been taken into account during the preparation of the Environmental Report.	Noted.
	The Environmental Report itself is well presented and clearly sets out the approach taken in considering the environmental effects of the plan in its evolution and offering recommendations to aid its development.	Noted.
	The logical structure in which the findings are presented is to be welcomed and I am content to agree with both the approach to considering the historic environment at this high-level and the findings of the assessment.	Noted.
Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)	We have used our scoping consultation response of 03 August 2011 to consider the adequacy of the Environmental Report (ER) alongside the content of the draft strategy. Given the contents of the two documents, we consider that the environmental issues are adequately dealt with.	Noted.
	We cannot comment on the adequacy of the monitoring strategy as it has still to be developed.	Noted.
	Appendix 2 – fourth page, the policy area “Glasgow & Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership”, would be better described as the Glasgow & Clyde Valley Green Network and the scope as an elaboration of one of the elements of the Structure Plan.	Noted.
	Annex 3 – third page - the number of Local Nature Reserves has not increased. It still stands at one.	Noted. This has been amended.

No further comments relating to the Environmental Report were received during consultation on the draft South Lanarkshire Council Plan.

## **Reasons for choosing the Council Plan as adopted, in light of other reasonable alternatives**

Although the Council Plan is not a legal requirement the alternative taken forward must deliver and promote the efficient delivery of Council services and promote partnership engagement across Resources and within local communities.

As set out in section 6 of the SEA Environmental Report, two alternatives were considered when the draft Council Plan was prepared for consultation. The assessment concluded that 'Alternative 2: Complete Update of Council Plan' offered the greatest potential for considering environmental issues whilst delivering the requirements of the Council Plan. This alternative also provided the greatest scope for incorporating changes to the political and economic priorities of the Council, whilst at the same time addressing the Scottish Government's sustainability targets and the Council's climate change obligations, through appropriate environmental considerations. It is considered that this will potentially improve the delivery of local services, benefiting the community and area as a whole.

Undertaking an SEA through the development of the new Council Plan provided the opportunity for identification of key environmental issues affecting the area whilst ensuring these issues are taken on board at the policy development stage across Resources and contributing to the promotion of cross-partnership delivery.

## **Monitoring significant environmental effects in implementing the Strategy**

Monitoring of the Council Plan will take place in order to identify any unforeseen adverse effects and to take appropriate remedial action. This is in line with Section 19 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Monitoring will take place following the adoption of the Council Plan and will link back to the SEA indicators. In the monitoring of the Council Plan it may be appropriate to review the baseline data and the effectiveness of measures proposed for the prevention, reduction, and offsetting of significant environmental effects. This will be done as part of the monitoring framework set up for the Council Plan in conjunction with the Council's other monitoring commitments, including the South Lanarkshire State of the Environment Report.

The monitoring of the SEA and the Council Plan will be undertaken in-house using information gathered from all Council Resources and also from a range of external sources, including the statutory Consultation Authorities. The Council uses the performance Management System 'IMPROVe' to identify the measures and actions under each of the objectives and outcomes and monitor progress. A section of report for Quarter 2 for financial year 2013 – 2014 is attached as Appendix 1 to illustrate the process.

## Concluding the Post Adoption SEA Statement

The South Lanarkshire Council Plan has undergone a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to determine the impact it could have on the local community and environment.

Overall, it is considered that the Council Plan would have a significant benefit to the population of South Lanarkshire as the objectives within Plan cover all the services provided by the Council. The emphasis is on front line service and particular focus on those people in our communities most in need. Good management of resources has become even more vital and being able to demonstrate continuous improvement remains critical. Delivery on our priorities will enable us to fulfil our vision to 'improve the quality of life of everyone in South Lanarkshire.'

In addition, the SEA identified that the Plan would generate significant environmental gains, including:

- more energy efficient homes
- becoming a cleaner, more attractive and well designed sustainable place
- promoting healthier lifestyles in a good quality sustainable environment
- protecting health through effective environmental regulation and enforcement.

We consider that the Council Plan fulfils its purpose by providing a clear framework to direct our activities in an environmentally sustainable way, incorporating wider environmental issues as far as reasonably possible.

Throughout the SEA process, the Consultation Authorities have confirmed their agreement with the overall assessment approach adopted with no requirement highlighted for further modification of the Council Plan following assessment of the Environmental Report. No comments were received from the general public or other stakeholders on the Environmental Report during the public consultation period. All comments received on the Council Plan itself have been considered by the Council and the appropriate action agreed. The Council Plan has been formally endorsed by the Executive Committee of South Lanarkshire Council, and approved by the Council in October 2012 and noted as appropriate by the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership in January 2013.

The South Lanarkshire Council Plan 'Connect', as modified following consultation, is therefore adopted.

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## Connect Performance Report Quarter 2 (Jul-Sep) - 2013/14

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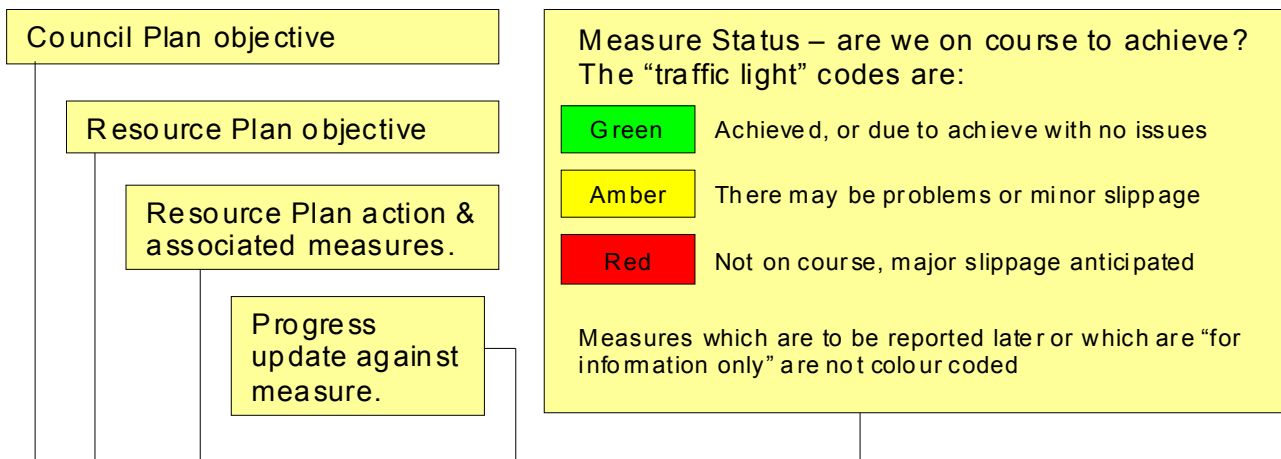
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Summary - number of measures green, amber and red under each Council Plan objective/theme

Council Objective / Theme	Green	Amber	Red	To be reported later / Contextual	Total
Improve services for older people	9	1		2	12
Protect vulnerable children, young people and adults	6		1	2	9
Improve road network and influence improvements in public transport	12			1	13
Support the local economy by providing the right conditions for growth, improving skills and employability	12			7	19
Tackle disadvantage and deprivation	12	2		1	15
Develop a sustainable Council and communities	20	2		3	25
Raise educational achievement and attainment	26	1		8	35
Improve the quality, access and availability of housing	9			4	13
Improve the quality of the physical environment	14				14
Increase involvement in lifelong learning	8				8
Get it right for every child	6				6
Improve community safety	9	1	1	5	16
Improve and maintain health and increase physical activity	17	2		1	20
Promote participation in cultural activities and provide quality facilities to support communities	7	3			10
Strengthen partnership working, community leadership and engagement	13			1	14
Provide vision and strategic direction	9				9
Promote performance management and improvement	12				12
Embed governance and accountability	16	2		1	19
Achieve efficient and effective use of resources	8			5	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>282</b>

## How to use this performance report

This performance report is intended to be both informative and easy to use. The guide below is designed to help you get the most out of the report and to answer the most common questions you might have.



Develop a sustainable Council and communities									
Provide services and infrastructure which help local communities to become more sustainable									
Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	This Year		Last 3 Years			
				Target	To Date	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	
	Council target achieved for waste tonnage per household (target is lower than 1.3 tonnes)	This figure is for quarter one (quarter two figure is not yet available, so will be reported in quarter three).	Green	1.3	0.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	
	Council target achieved for municipal waste collected during 2012/13 that was recycled or composted (40% or above)	This figure is for quarter one (quarter two figure not yet available, so will be reported in quarter three).	Green	40.0%	44.1%	40.1%	38.2%	40.5%	
Introduce new waste management services to reduce waste and increase recycling	Project for treatment facilities progressed by March 2013	A report is to be presented to the Executive Committee in December 2012 identifying options for a long term solution.	Amber	--	--	--	--	--	
Manage flooding priorities and deliver prioritised flood protection schemes	Prioritised flood protection projects delivered by March 2013 in line with available capital / revenue funding	Larch Grove, Hamilton - brief issued to consultant for ground investigation to inform design of works.  Site investigation - boreholes complete, further investigation of existing culvert underway to locate buried manhole. Detailed design to be prepared when site investigations complete. Bellfield Road, Coalburn - culvert lining works completed 30 August 2012	Green	--	--	--	--	--	
	Preparation of prioritised 5 year programme of flood protection / management projects by March 2013	Currently analysing previous flood events, completed improvement works and known problem areas to allow a 5 year programme to be prepared.	Green	--	--	--	--	--	
	Options for aligning the management of flooding priorities reviewed across Community and Enterprise Resources by December 2012	Meeting held between Community and Enterprise Resources staff to discuss integrating response to flooding procedures and other opportunities. Follow up meeting to be scheduled for November.	Green	--	--	--	--	--	

Statistics for the current year. The **Target** shows what we want to achieve by the end of the year. The **To Date** column shows how much we have achieved so far.

Statistics for last 3 years, showing how we are doing over time.



**Improve services for older people**

Action	Measures(non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Work in partnership to reshape the balance of care for older people enabling them to live in their homes and community for as long as possible	Develop an intermediate care approach in both community and residential setting	Models of Intermediate Care are being discussed by the Joint Services Management Group with a view to prioritising the preferred future option. Work continues with private and independent sector care homes to identify suitable locations for intermediate care and with the Health Service regarding Allied Health Professionals input to the model.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Continue to implement Supporting Your Independence approach across adult and older people services	Monitor and report on the outcomes after completion of SYI	A total of 561 episodes of Supporting Your Independence were successfully completed in the period July to September 2013. In total a reduction of 28% in home care hours was achieved when comparing hours at the start of SYI and hours at the end of the intervention.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Continue to implement Supporting Your Independence approach across adult and older people services	Percentage of referrals for homecare go through SYI	A total of 84.5% of new referrals to homecare were suitable for a Supporting Your Independence (SYI) intervention. This is slightly down on the equivalent quarter 1 figure of 85.8%. There are a number of reasons why this figure may drop in any given quarter, for example the suitability of the referral for SYI, in that there can be instances where there can be a higher number of people who are at an end of life stage or require palliative care. In such instances, these cases would not be suitable for an SYI intervention.	Amber	90.0%	84.5%	64.8%	Not avail	80.5%
Complete the development of new Council build sheltered housing	24 new sheltered homes delivered at Clydeford View Cambuslang	Formal handover of completed flats 12th September 2013.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	17 new sheltered homes in Eastcroft Gardens, Rutherglen	Handover of completed flats September 2013.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Continue with the programme to upgrade stock to amenity standard	Upgrade of existing amenity properties	Phase 1: 117 properties upgraded to full amenity standard by completion of programme June 2012. Properties where works disclaimed and completed when void 7 upgraded 12/13.  4 upgraded YTD (Q2) 13/14.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Mainstream properties converted to amenity	Phase 2: 12 mainstream properties upgraded YTD (Q2) 13/14. 82 properties upgraded since programme commenced.	Green	---	---	---	---	---



**Improve services for older people**

Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Continue to ensure the provision/ installation (or funding) of equipment, adaptations and other services to enable people to remain in their homes	No. of adaptations completed in Council homes		Contextual	Not avail	588	1,538	1,247	1,283
	% of Aids and Adaptations completed on time		Green	97.0%	99.7%	90.8%	97.9%	98.3%
	No. of adaptations completed in RSL homes	This measure will be reported at year end.	Report Later	130	Not avail	171	217	200
	No. on waiting list for Council adaptation	The target is to have no people on the waiting list and this has been achieved. All demand has been met for adaptations in Council homes.	Green	0	0	0	0	0
	No. of approvals given for adaptations in private homes		Green	900	325	721	918	836

**Protect vulnerable children, young people and adults**

Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Implement the requirements of the Self Directed Support Act	Report on the number of people who are self directing their support	Quarter 2: July-September 2013, there were 222 service users self directing their care and support arrangements.	Green	Not avail	Not avail	0	0	0
Contribute to effective joint working in protecting children and adults at risk of harm	Ensure continued focus on vulnerable groups within Service's procedures		Green	---	---	---	---	---
Improve management of all offenders including high risk offenders	No of sexual or violent offenders managed through MAPPA	This is an annual figure and will be reported at the year end.	Report Later	Not avail	Not avail	417	Not avail	Not avail
Support to vulnerable children and young people	Develop and deliver a range of targeted group work sessions and programmes	An additional 16 sessions and programmes supporting vulnerable children and young people have been delivered during Quarter 2. These include ASN groups, school based nurture groups, Active Breaks, Disability Sports, early intervention, Grass Routes, gypsy travellers, H20 and CO3. Young parents groups using the Early Years Collaborative Improvement Science methodology is being piloted with young parents in Clydesdale.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Improve the effectiveness of response to child protection	Monitor the number of investigations undertaken (level of child protection activity)	The number of child protection investigations has remained relatively stable between quarter 1 and quarter 2 at 145 and 143 respectively.	Contextual	Not avail	294	Not avail	Not avail	508

**Protect vulnerable children, young people and adults**

Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Monitor Adults with Incapacity (AWI) activity	% of statutory visits completed for local authority welfare guardianship orders	In Quarter 2 there were a total of 77 local authority welfare guardianship visits undertaken, 91% were completed on time, 8% visited outwith timescale, 1% visit overdue.	Green	90%	Not avail	69%	51%	87%
	% of statutory visits completed for private welfare guardianship orders	In Quarter 2 there were a total of 447 Private Welfare Guardianship visits undertaken. This represents an increase of 37% (120 additional visits) from the Quarter 2 12/13. 80% were completed on time, 18% visited outwith timescale, 1% of visits overdue, 1% of visits not held. Despite this increase in demand the Resource overall continues to fulfill its statutory duties in relation to the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000.	Red	90%	Not avail	60%	49%	79%
Monitor vulnerable adults referrals/activity	Monitor and report on the level of adult support and protection inquiries, investigations and protection plans for adults under 65	In Quarter 2 July-Sep, the Resource worked with a number of service users aged under 65 as a result of Adult Support and Protection issues. There were 280 ASP inquiries, leading to 73 investigations and 5 protection plans. As a result of a change in the process the number of investigations has risen significantly from 23 in Qrt1 to 73 in Qrt2.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Monitor and report on the level of adult support and protection inquiries, investigations and protection plans for older people 65+	In Quarter 2 July-Sep, the Resource worked with a number of service users aged 65+ as a result of Adult Support and Protection issues. There were 101 ASP inquiries, leading to 35 investigations and 1 protection plan. As a result of a change in the process the number of investigations has risen significantly from 9 in Qrt1 to 35 in Qrt2.	Green	---	---	---	---	---

**Improve road network and influence improvements in public transport**

Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Continue to work with Scottish local authority partners to develop an	Medium and long term lifecycle Road Asset Management Plans and budgets developed by March 2014	Lifecycle plans are in the process of being updated for all the major asset groups. These will be published in Q4.	Green	---	---	---	---	---

## Improve road network and influence improvements in public transport

Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
asset management plan and valuation of assets	Revision of Road Asset Management Plan completed by March 2014	In line with the SCOTS Asset Management project, the next set of workshops takes place during October 2013. Roads Asset Management Plan will be updated and published in Q4.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Continue to implement the Roads Investment Programme for road and footway improvements	185 carriageway schemes completed during 2013/14	31 schemes have been completed in Q2 (July-September 2013).	Green	185	129	220	242	183
	25 footway schemes completed during 2013/14	8 footway schemes have been completed in Q2 (July-September 2013).	Green	25	13	49	50	39
	5% of the road network resurfaced by March 2014	Excellent early progress was achieved in Q1 through the delivery of surface dressing schemes. This progress has continued into Q2 and we have now already achieved our annual target. The remaining schemes will be programmed between now and the end of the year, however depending on the severity of winter some schemes may have to be reprioritised.	Green	5.00%	5.34%	9.63%	9.02%	7.30%
	Maintain or reduce the percentage of the A, B and C class road network that should be considered for maintenance treatment	This figure will be provided to us by the survey contractor later in the year and will be reported in Q4.	Report Later	36.8%	Not avail	38.0%	37.5%	36.8%
Continue to undertake safety checks on road related structures and implement a prioritised maintenance programme	Bridge assessments on five railway bridges completed by March 2014	<p>Bridge assessments to be completed this year are as follows:</p> <p>Thankerton Station Bridge, Auchincampbell Road Rail Bridge, Hamilton, Westcoates Road Rail Bridge and Douglas Drive Road Bridge, Cambuslang, Farneloa Road Rail Bridge, Rutherglen.</p> <p>Contract for Intrusive Testing at the structures scheduled for assessment has been awarded to Amey OW Limited under Category 1 of the Professional Services Contract. Information obtained from the testing, which is to be completed by end of October 2013, will enable the five assessments to be completed.</p>	Green	---	---	---	---	---

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Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Work with developers and public sector partners to deliver road infrastructure improvements to support new development	Prioritised road infrastructure delivered by March 2014 in line with available external and internal capital funding, for example further progress at Downiebrae Road, Rutherglen and Hamilton International Technology Park (HITP)	Downiebrae Road Section A is substantially complete and work on Section B has begun. It is anticipated that the works will be completed in December 2013.  HITP Programming has significantly changed for works on the A725 slip road and Douglas Street / A725 off slip traffic signals. These works are unlikely to commence during 2013/14 due to other roads commitments.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Deliver improvements to bus / rail interchange	Development of proposed improvements at Lanark Station / Biggar with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	Feasibility works progressing in respect to proposed improvements to Lanark/Biggar Stations, although external funding applications have been unsuccessful to date.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Work with public and private sector partners to deliver new or enhanced public transport infrastructure	Prioritised improvements to bus infrastructure delivered by March 2014 in line with available external funding	Working in conjunction with the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) we are replacing approximately 120 bus shelters and undertaking associated footway works. Works have begun on site and it is anticipated that works will be completed by December 2013.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Quality Bus Partnership for Hamilton Town Centre further developed in partnership with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	Discussions are ongoing with the bus operators and SPT. Some difficulties are being experienced with arranging meetings with partners. A further partnership meeting has now been arranged for October 2013 and it is anticipated that the following works will be taken forward on agreement. The works currently being discussed are bus timetable information in the form of a display unit, several new bus shelters, pedestrian way finding signs and improvements to the capacity of the Blackwell Lane / Townhead Street junction.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Deliver a winter maintenance service and continue development of IT systems	2012/13 winter processes and outcomes reviewed by August 2013	Winter review has taken place and new winter policy and procedure document produced and issued.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Winter policy procedures and documents, including gritting routes, updated as necessary, by September 2013	Winter review has taken place and new winter policy and procedure document produced and issued.	Green	---	---	---	---	---

## Support the local economy by providing the right conditions for growth, improving skills and employability

Action	Measures (non statistical measures shaded grey)	Comments/ Progress	Status	----- This Year -----		----- Last 3 Years -----		
				Target	To Date	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Continue to respond to the economic downturn in response to the recession in conjunction with Community Planning Partnership and other partners	Over 1500 businesses assisted per annum with grants, loans or property advice	To date, 467 businesses have been assisted with grants, loans or property advice.  On target to meet annual target by end of Q4.	Green	1,500	467	1,025	1,935	1,542
	Value of sales generated by businesses assisted by Economic Development between £10m-£20m	To date, £9.02m has been generated by businesses assisted by Economic Development.  On course to meet annual target for value of sales generated by businesses which were assisted by Economic Development.	Green	£10.00m	£9.02m	£15.20m	£21.15m	£17.61m
Develop South Lanarkshire Regeneration Strategy in conjunction with Community Planning Partnership and other partners	South Lanarkshire Economic Strategy developed and reported to Executive Committee for adoption by the Council, with implementation of actions commenced by March 2014	Draft South Lanarkshire Economic Strategy has been completed and will be widely consulted on from October 2013.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Economic Development Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) implemented by March 2014	Sustainable Economic Development Performance Improvement Plan completed and monitoring process being uploaded to Improve system.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Scrutinise new Business Gateway contract and performance targets	Between 500 - 1,000 jobs created or sustained per annum as a direct result of local authority intervention	On course to meet the annual target.	Green	1,000	821	595	1,315	1,192
	Business birth rate increased per 1000 population by March 2014	This is an annual indicator which will be reported on in Q4.	Report Later	3.70	Not avail	3.17	3.53	3.53
Continue to implement the Tourism Action Plan and work with the sector to develop the profile of the area as a visitor destination pending adoption of revised national tourism strategy and action plan	Revised Tourism Action Plan implemented within agreed timescales	Plan mid term review now complete and adopted by the Area Tourism partnership; partners progressing implementation of action plan.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Number of employees in the tourism sector increased to achieve new national targets in revised Tourism Action Plan	Awaiting new tourism statistics from the new DREAM model which has been procured by VisitScotland. We have contracted with the providers to provide information at a local level.	Report Later	3,267	Not avail	6,564	6,017	5,898
	Number of tourists visiting the area increased to achieve new national targets in revised Tourism Action Plan	Awaiting new tourism statistics from the new DREAM model which has been procured by VisitScotland. We have contracted with the providers to provide information at a local level.	Report Later	1.38m	Not avail	3.13m	3.02m	3.02m
	Tourism revenue increased to achieve national targets in revised Tourism Action Plan	Awaiting new tourism statistics from the new DREAM model which has been procured by VisitScotland. We have contracted with the providers to provide information at a local level.	Report Later	£171.86m	Not avail	£326.83m	£320.02m	£316.49m

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				Target	To Date	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Support the Urban Regeneration Company (URC)	Remediation plan implemented in accordance with URC operating plan	Implementation underway in accordance with the Urban Regeneration Company (URC) operating plan.  Remediation contract awarded, with early decontamination work now underway following site start in July 2013.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Develop and progress as appropriate new employability services focused on priority client groups resourced by EU and Council resources	A range of innovative employability services including European P5 Strategic Skills pipeline to be procured, contracts issued and delivered by end 2013/2014	On track with continued programmes as part of SLWorks4U, following a successful procurement and allocation of resources.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
	Over 3000 people supported each year through employability programmes	This is data for Q1. Data for Q2 is not available until the beginning of October 2013 and will be included in Q3 report.	Green	3,000	2,092	5,169	3,750	4,260
	Workless client group maintained below 148 per 1,000 to 2013-14	Figures are produced nationally and will be reported when available.	Report Later	148	Not avail	Not avail	Not avail	Not avail
	A minimum of 1,500 of the people supported via employability programmes go on to access employment or training / education	This is data for Q1. Data for Q2 is not available until the beginning of October 2013 and will be included in Q3 report.	Green	1,500	955	1,818	2,144	2,506
Deliver an updated 'Opportunities for All' action plan for MCMC young people	MCMC initiatives and projects developed and delivered, based on available Scottish Government and partnership resources, to support the most vulnerable young people leaving school and beyond as per agreed partnership plan	MCMC initiatives agreed by Partnership. The MCMC target group can access a wide range of available provision funded by Government and partnership resources and this is provided on an ongoing basis throughout the year.	Green	---	---	---	---	---
Develop and deliver a revised 'More Choices, More Chances' (MCMC) action plan	Number of MCMC (those not in employment education or training) young people achieving a positive destination maintained at 2011/2012 levels (89.8%) by end 2013/2014	Figures are produced nationally and will be reported when available.	Report Later	89.8%	Not avail	87.4%	89.8%	Not avail
Deliver services to business to improve levels of consumer protection and fair trading and support the local economy	Number of businesses processed through Buy with Confidence approved trader scheme	There are an additional nine businesses going through the audit process at the moment.	Contextual	Not avail	5	Not avail	Not avail	19