

Report

Report to:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
Date of Meeting:	10 February 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Good Food Strategy and the Food Growing Strategy: Action Plan for the Second Year of Implementation 2021/2022
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

- ♦ agree the Action Plan for the second year of implementation (2021/2022) of the Good Food Strategy which also incorporates the main actions for the Food Growing Strategy.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- 1) that the Action Plan for the second year of implementation (2021/2022) of the Good Food Strategy, incorporating the main actions for the Food Growing Strategy, attached as Appendix 1, be approved.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Good Food Strategy 2020 to 2025 was approved by the Executive Committee on 4 December 2019.
- 3.2. The implementation of the strategy started in April 2020 with the first year action plan. Update on the implementation of the first year action plan was provided at quarter two with a report to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 4 November 2020. Implementation of the action plan has been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3.3. The Food Growing Strategy 2020-2025 and the first year Action Plan was endorsed by the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 4 November 2020 and approved by the Executive Committee on 16 December 2020.
- 3.4. Given the subject area, the objectives and actions of the Food Growing Strategy are encompassed in the Good Food Strategy and Action Plan. The Food Growing Strategy and Action Plan have been developed given the statutory obligations for local authorities to provide allotments and other food growing opportunities and to prepare a strategy to do so (Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015).

4. Good Food Strategy Action Plan 2021/2022

- 4.1. The Action Plan for the second year of implementation of the Good Food Strategy is set out in Appendix 1.
- 4.2. The Action Plan was informed on inputs from the following services:
- Community and Enterprise: Amenity Services, Economic Development, Environmental Services, External Funding, Facilities, Planning, Refuse and Recycling, Sustainable Development and Climate Change;
 - Education: Health and Wellbeing in schools, Youth, Families and Communities Learning Services;
 - Finance and Corporate: Benefits and Revenue, Community Engagement, Money Matters Advice Services, Procurement, Scottish Welfare Fund, Tackling Poverty;
 - Social Work: Unpaid Work Services.
- 4.3. The Action Plan includes two sections: (1) Performance indicators and (2) Projects. In line with the structure of the strategy, each section is divided under the Good Food Themes: Good Food at Home and the Community, Good Food in Public Places, Good Food Economy, Good Food Growing, Good Food for the Environment and Good Food Governance. Measures and actions are reported by outcome as defined in the Good Food Strategy.
- 4.4. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact on the implementation of the year 1 Action Plan and this is reflected in the year 2 Action Plan with:-
- some of the actions delayed in year 1, brought forward to year 2 (e.g. communication on the new regulation for Nutritional requirements in schools or implementation of the actions to achieve Food for Life bronze standards in schools)
 - some baseline indicators which were to be defined in year 1 will tentatively be defined in year 2 (e.g. share of householders using the council's food waste collection service or public procurement spending on local food)
 - the approach adopted for some projects has changed given the restrictions with more online activities (e.g. Kitchen learning hub to service users of the Unpaid Work Service)
 - tackling food insecurity was already a priority in year 1, but there is a renewed focus given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on food access. This includes supporting community food organisations to develop sustainable initiatives to tackle food poverty, sharing and promoting good practices and encouraging a partnership approach.
- 4.5. Community organisations have played a key role in the implementation of activities to tackle food insecurity in year 1 and the Council will continue to support them in year 2. Organisations include existing third sector and voluntary organisations such as food banks as well as new ones which were developed to respond to the exacerbated food challenges since the beginning of the pandemic. In total, sixteen organisations in the four areas of South Lanarkshire are involved in food distributions.

5. Food Growing Strategy Action Plan 2021/2022

- 5.1. Given the relationship between the Food Growing Strategy and the Good Food Strategy and the requirement to report within similar timescales, main progress on the implementation of the Food Growing Strategy will be reported in the Good Food Strategy Action Plan, with four performance indicators and an encompassing action related to food growing (actions underlined in Appendix 1).

- 5.2. The Food Growing Action Plan, being very detailed with 31 actions including activities such as administration of allotments, reporting to the Scottish Government, engagement and consultation, progress will be reported directly to the Food Growing Group. The Group consists of relevant council services, partners, third and voluntary sectors involved in food growing. Subsequently, the Food Growing Group will report mainly on key progress and achievement to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee as proposed in Appendix 1. The detailed Action Plan will also be published by 1 April 2021 as part of the statutory obligations defined by the Scottish Government.
- 5.3. The Food Growing Action Plan was formulated in consultations with partners and voluntary and third sector organisations involved in food growing activities.
- 5.4. Actions are divided in five sections corresponding to key objectives of the strategy:
1. increase provision of high-quality food growing opportunities;
 2. promote other forms of food growing;
 3. ensure good administration and sustainable partnership working;
 4. develop and promote environmentally sustainable food growing options;
 5. identify and where possible, secure resources.

6. Monitoring framework

- 6.1. Progress of both Action Plans will be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee at Q2 and Q4. The IMPROVe system will continue to be used to gather the progress from services and to produce monitoring reports.
- 6.2. In year 3 of the implementation of the Good Food Strategy, broader outcomes and overall impacts will also be monitored following the framework proposed in the strategy document and against the selected indicators.

7. Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 7.1. Following the SEA pre-screening exercise and communication with the Scottish Government, it was concluded that no further action was required in relation to the SEA process for the Good Food Strategy and the Food Growing Strategy.

8. Employee Implications

- 8.1. Monitoring the implementation of the Action Plan of the Good Food Strategy is the key task of the Policy Officer (Food Development). The implementation of the Food Growing Strategy is monitored by Amenity Services.
- 8.2. In addition, the implementation of the strategy is the task of Resources and Services involved in food activities, as identified during the development of the Good Food Strategy and Food Growing Strategy, and as indicated in the Action Plan.

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1. Although there are no financial implications at this stage, specific financial implications related to the implementation of the Action Plans will be foreseen and reported on a case-by-case basis.

10. Climate change, sustainability and environmental implications

- 10.1. By promoting Good Food, food which is environmentally-friendly and helps tackle climate change, the Good Food Strategy is aligned with the sustainable development and climate change objectives of the Council. More specifically, it supports the outcomes of the current Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy, in particular Outcome 1.2 stating that the Council is environmentally responsible in the procurement, use and disposal of resources. In particular, the strategy encourages procurement and consumption of sustainable food, supports the reduction of food waste and food packaging, promote the redistribution of food surplus and encourage food composting. It also aims at connecting with the community, partners and the private sector to reduce the impacts of the food system – from farm to fork- on the environment and its contribution to climate change.

11 Other Implications

- 11.1. There are no implications for risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 12.1. The Equalities Impact Assessment has been conducted and approved.

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Links to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities;
- ◆ Support the local economy by providing the right conditions for inclusive growth;
- ◆ Support our communities by tackling disadvantage and deprivation and supporting aspiration.

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee 4 December 2019 - Good Food Strategy
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources 31 March 2020 - Action Plan - 1st year of implementation of the Good Food Strategy
- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 4 November 2020 - Food Strategy Action Plan Progress Report Q2
- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 4 November 2020 – Food Growing Strategy 2020-2025
- ◆ Executive Committee 16 December 2020 – Food Growing Strategy 2020-2025

List of Background Papers

None

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Appendix 1 – Good Food Strategy Action Plan 2021/2022



Action Plan 2021-2022

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1- Performance indicators

Good Food at Home and the Community

Outcome	1. South Lanarkshire residents of all ages have the capacity to make informed food choices regardless of their socio-economic situation			
Measure	Baseline	Annual Target	Links	Service/ Resource Updater/ Owner
Number of learners from YFCL service benefiting from food related learning programmes	Baseline to be redefined due to new COVID-19 context	-	NA	Youth, Family and Community Learning service/ Education Updater: Joan McVicar Owner: Anne Donaldson
Outcome	2. The number of individuals and families suffering from food insecurity and poverty has strongly reduced in the council's area and emergency support is embedded in dignity principles			
Measure	Baseline	Annual Target	Links	Service / Resource Updater/Owner
Share of free school meals uptake in primary schools	65.21% (2019/20)	Maintain	Local Child Poverty Action Report	Facilities/ C&E (Finance, Education)
Share of free school meals uptake in secondary schools	40.89% (2019/20)	Maintain	Local Child Poverty Action Report	Facilities/ C&E (Finance, Education)

Good Food in the Public Sector

Outcome	3. Food sourced, prepared and served in schools and council properties supports the development of healthier, fairer and more sustainable food systems 4. Increased collaboration across partners so that food sourced, prepared and served in public places supports the development of a healthier, fairer and more sustainable food systems			
Measure	Baseline	Annual Target	Links	Service / Resource Updater/Owner
Level of primary school meal uptake (as proportion of total primary school meals which could be taken up over the period)	59.3%	59.3%	C&E Resource Plan	Facilities/ C&E
Level of secondary school meal uptake (as proportion of total primary school meals which could be taken up over the period)	47.3%	47.3%	C&E Resource Plan	Facilities/ C&E
Number of lunches served in nursery schools as part of new Scottish Government Early Years Initiative (contextual measure)	288,486	288,486	C&E Resource Plan	Facilities/ C&E
Public procurement spending in Fairtrade produces	Baseline to be established	-	NA	Facilities/ C&E Updater: Gerry Donachie Owner: Gerry Donachie
Public procurement spending in local food (i.e. food produced or manufactured in Scotland and in Lanarkshire)	Baseline to be established	-	NA	Performance and Development/ C&E Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Operation Manager

Good Food Economy

Outcome	5. Safer, healthier and sustainable options are increasingly available and accessible in the retail and catering food environment 6. The local food economy is thriving and attractive, promotes decent employment and is increasing sustainable			
Measure	Baseline	Annual Target	Links	Service / Resource Updater/Owner
Food businesses compliant with food safety statutory requirements	87.9% (2019/2020)	85%	C&E Resource Plan	Environmental Health/ C&E Updater: Sheena Redmond Owner: Karen Wardrope

Good Food Growing

Outcome	7. The availability of allotments and other food growing opportunities meets the demand 8. An increasing number of people are growing food and adopting sustainable practices			
Measure	Baseline	Annual Target	Links	Service / Resource Updater/Owner
Size of Prime Agriculture Land protected from development	6213 hectares	100%	NA	Planning/ C&E Updater: Sheila Alderson Owner: Tony Finn
<u>Number of overall plot holders on council managed sites</u>	251 (January 2020)	+20% (March 2022)	Food Growing Action Plan	Amenity Services/ C&E Updater: Lisa Inglis Owner: Lynn Carr
<u>Size of the land provided for council managed food growing sites</u>	35,864m2 (January 2020)	+25% (March 2022)	Food Growing Action Plan	Amenity Services/ C&E Updater: Lisa Inglis Owner: Lynn Carr
<u>Number of participants in food growing in other council land including schools, care homes, housing areas and areas managed by community groups or third-party organisations</u>	1,955 (January 2020)	+5% (March 2022)	Food Growing Action Plan	Amenity Services/ C&E Updater: Lisa Inglis Owner: Lynn Carr
<u>Occupancy level at council managed sites</u>	98% (January 2020)	Minimum uptake of 95%	Food Growing Action Plan	Amenity Services/ C&E Updater: Lisa Inglis Owner: Lynn Carr

Good Food for the Environment

Outcome	9. Avoidable food waste and food packaging have reduced and non-avoidable food waste is systematically recycled as well as food packaging when possible			
Measure	Baseline	Annual Target	Links	Service / Resource Updater/Owner
Share of householders using the council's food waste collection service	Baseline to be established	-	NA	Refuse and recycling/ C&E Updater: Nicola Maher Owner: Kirsty McGuire
Share of food waste from school kitchen	Below 1%	Below 1%	NA	Facilities/C&E (procurement) Updater: Isabel Veitch Owner: Gerry Donachie
Share of food waste from school dining room	Below 15%	Below 15%	NA	Facilities/C&E (procurement) Updater: Isabel Veitch Owner: Gerry Donachie
Share of food waste from school kitchen recycled/composted	Baseline to be established	-	NA	Facilities/C&E (procurement) Updater: Isabel Veitch Owner: Gerry Donachie
Resource Outcome	10. Negative impacts of the food system on the environment and climate change have decreased and animal welfare has improved			
Measure	Baseline	Annual Target	Links	Service / Resource Updater/Owner
Share of fish respecting MSC standards served in council properties and schools	100%	100%	NA	Facilities/C&E (procurement) Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie

Share of chicken respecting red tractor standards served in council properties and schools	100%	100%	NA	Facilities/C&E (procurement)Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie
Share of red butcher meat respecting QMS standard served in council properties and schools	100%	100%	NA	Facilities/C&E (procurement)Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie

2- Projects

Good Food at Home and the Community

Outcome	1. South Lanarkshire residents of all ages have the capacity to make informed food choices regardless of their socio-economic situation		
Action	Measure	Service/ Resource	Updater/ Owner
Promote and support Good Food projects and campaigns in schools across South Lanarkshire	Number of schools involved Number of projects/campaigns promoted	Performance and Development /C&E (Education)	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Hélène Gourichon
Communicate on the new regulation for Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink to children, parents, catering staff and teachers through a specific educational programme	Number of schools, children, parents, catering staff, teachers involved	Facilities / C&E (Education)	Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie
Deliver Kitchen Learning Hub to Service Users of the Unpaid Work Service in collaboration with Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership	Number of Service Users participating Feedback from participants	Unpaid Work Service/ Social Work	Updater: Caitlin Hendry Owner: Theresa Dunnery
Deliver accredited and non-accredited food related learning programmes to YFCL learners including healthy eating; REHIS; ASDAN awards; agriculture and food growing; cooking on a Budget; Grass Routes; Hairleeshill Community Garden; 'Weed 'em & Reap'	- Number of learners who have improved confidence and self-esteem, mental health, physical health and wellbeing, - Number of learners who are better able to support their child/family members health and wellbeing - Number of learners who have achieved a nationally recognised award or qualification	Youth, Family and Community Learning service/ Education	Updater: Joan McVicar Owner: Anne Donaldson
Outcome	2. The number of individuals and families suffering from food insecurity and poverty has strongly reduced in the council's area and emergency support is embedded in dignity principles		
Action	Measure	Service/ Resource	Updater/ Owner

Monitor the number of food parcels delivered by food banks sharing their data	Number of food parcels delivered by food banks to understand trends of food insecurity and inform council actions and local initiatives.	Tackling poverty/ CPP	Local Child Poverty Action Report - Updater: Gary Ross Owner: Gary Ross
Fund free school meals to eligible children during the spring holiday period (£30 voucher per fortnight)	Number of children receiving vouchers	Benefits & Revenue (Finance and Corporate)	Updater: Stephen Pendrich Owner: Stephen Pendrich
Provide advice and referrals to specific food initiatives to family experiencing food insecurity	Number of referrals and applications helping families to improve their financial conditions (Best Start Food applications; Healthy Start Voucher applications; Food Bank referrals; School meal applications; Scottish Welfare Fund applications)	Money Matters/ Finance	Updater: Angela Martin Owner: Angela Martin
Work in partnership with community food organisations and partners to identify and support the development of sustainable initiatives to tackle food poverty in response to COVID-19 (including improving access to food and ensuring those accessing aid receive the advice and support required)	Number of organisations supported and/or initiatives developed	Performance & Development/ C&E (Community Engagement Team)	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Hélène Gourichon

Good Food in the Public Sector

Outcome	3. Food sourced, prepared and served in schools and council properties supports the development of healthier, fairer and more sustainable food systems		
	4. Increased collaboration across partners so that food sourced, prepared and served in public places supports the development of a healthier, fairer and more sustainable food systems		
Action	Measure	Service/ Resource	Updater/ Owner
Meet the new regulation for Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in schools	New regulation met by 30 th April 2021	Facilities/ C&E	Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie
Work towards the Food for Life bronze standards in primary schools through an initial assessment and design of an implementation plan to achieve the award in year 2	Assessment undertaken by 31 March 2022 Action plan to achieve bronze in year 2 developed by 31 March 2022	Facilities/ C&E	Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie
Promote a food pledge aligned with the SL Good Food definition for food served in council properties	Food pledge promoted by June 2021	Facilities/ C&E	Updater: Anne Goldie Owner: Gerry Donachie
Promote Fairtrade principles in schools and council properties	Activities promoting Fairtrade principles during the Fairtrade Fortnight	Facilities/ C&E (Procurement)	Updater: Isabel Veitch Owner: Gerry Donachie
Develop a road map and undertake actions to increase procurement of sustainable food in schools and council properties with relevant council services and share good practices with partners of the CPP	Road map developed Demonstrated initiatives to increase procurement of sustainable food	Performance & Development/ C&E (Economic Development, Facilities, Procurement, Social Work)	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Hélène Gourichon

Good Food Economy

Outcome	5. Safer, healthier and sustainable options are increasingly available and accessible in the retail and catering food environment		
	6. The local food economy is thriving and attractive, promotes decent employment and is increasing sustainable		
Action	Measure	Service/ Resource	Updater/ Owner
Engage with the Scottish Government during consultation on National Planning Framework 4 to ensure embedding of health and wellbeing issues in decision making	Response to consultation on draft NPF4 with likely timescale of Q3 2021/22 council response to these issues developed with preparation of supporting planning guidance (draft available for approval by end 2021/22)	Planning & Economic Development / C&E	Updater: Sheila Alderson Owner: Tony Finn
Promote Fairtrade principles together with members of the Fairtrade steering group and renew the Fairtrade Zone status of the council	Fairtrade Zone Status renewed by August 2021 Number of initiatives/activities promoting Fairtrade principles	Performance and development / C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Hélène Gourichon
Offer advice and support to local food businesses (start- ups and established)	Number of food businesses engaged with and supported	Economic Development / C&E	Updater: tbc Owner: Stephen Keating
Encourage networking amongst the food and drink sector	Demonstrated activities to encourage networking in the sector	Economic Development /C&E	Updater: tbc Owner: Stephen Keating
Promote use of local food produce (promotion and events) across business sectors	Demonstrated activities to promote local produces	Economic Development /C&E	Updater: tbc Owner: Stephen Keating

Good Food Growing

Outcome	7. The availability of allotments and other food growing opportunities meets the demand			
	8. An increasing number of people are growing food and adopting sustainable practices			
Action	Measure	Service/ Resource	Updater/ Owner	
Develop a council wide Open Space Strategy including an assessment of the current quality and location of food growing opportunities and identify potential suitable areas where new or improved provision could be appropriate	Audit of existing open space provision at Q2 2021/22. Draft OSS for approval by end 2021/22	Planning & Economic Development / C&E	Updater: Sheila Alderson Owner: Tony Finn	
Work with local communities when preparing Local Place Plans for their area to identify opportunities locally to meet any aspirations related to food growing	Response to consultation on draft regulations and guidance on LPPs at Q1 2021/22 with legislation coming into force in Q3.	Planning & Economic Development / C&E	Updater: Sheila Alderson Owner: Tony Finn	
Implement the year 2 action plan of the Food Growing Strategy as per Scot.Gov guidance (e.g. developing food growing sites, providing advice and support to groups, facilitating Food growing group meetings, promoting sustainable food growing practices)	Progress on the implementation of year 2 action plan Annual report to Scot. Gov	Amenity Services / C&E	Updater: Lisa Inglis Owner: Lynn Carr	

Good Food for the Environment

Outcome	9. Avoidable food waste and food packaging have reduced and non-avoidable food waste is systematically recycled as well as food packaging when possible			
Action		Measure	Service/ Resource	Updater/ Owner
Consider extending the food waste collection service		Review of existing service provision and identification of costs associated with extending the service to rural areas	Refuse and recycling/ C&E	Updater: Nicola Maher Owner: Kirsty McGuire
Revise the content of the presentations that the Waste Education Team provide to schools in South Lanarkshire to include information about food waste reduction and recycling		Educational material updated by March 2022 including criteria to assess the impact of the educational programme	Refuse and recycling/ C&E	Updater: Nicola Maher Owner: Kirsty McGuire
Lead on reducing the council’s reliance on avoidable single-use plastic items for food		Actions to reduce the reliance of single-use plastic items for food across the council	Facilities /C&E (Sustainable Development C&E)	Owner: Gerry Donachie
Support the redistribution of food surplus		Quantity of food surplus redistributed to vulnerable people (food bank) or sold at affordable prices (food coop)	Performance & Development/ C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Hélène Gourichon
Outcome	10. Negative impacts of the food system on the environment and climate change have decreased and animal welfare has improved			
Action		Measure	Service/ Resource	Updater/ Owner
Undertake campaign promoting sustainable food		Number of campaign promoting sustainable food Number of people reached	Performance and Development/ C&E (Healthy Working Lives, Sustainability and climate change)	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Hélène Gourichon

Good Food Governance

Outcome	11. Food stakeholders are increasingly connected and work in partnership. Governance of food systems has improved and food stakeholders in South Lanarkshire have the capacity to influence or contribute to the development of a Good Food Council		
Action	Measure	Service/ Resource	Updater/ Owner
Identify and promote local food initiatives including those developed during the COVID-19 pandemic and facilitate information sharing around Good Food practices in South Lanarkshire	Establish an appropriate communication forum/ channel to facilitate information sharing and peer learning around food	Performance and Development/ C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Hélène Gourichon
Support the voluntary and third sector and work with partners to formalise the food network and encourage a partnership approach to progress the objectives of the strategy including with new organisations/initiatives developed to tackle food poverty resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic	Presence of an active food network	Performance and Development/ C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Hélène Gourichon
Join the UK network Sustainable Food Places	Membership achieved in 2021/22 to guarantee a high profile of food initiatives	Performance and Development/ C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Hélène Gourichon
Outcome	12. Good Food is a priority within the council and across partners, and policy documents and programmes that are related to food are implemented in a coherent and coordinated manner to advance the objectives of the strategy		
Action	Measure	Service/ Resource	Updater/ Owner
Establish a Sustainable Food Procurement working group with relevant council services	Working group established and road map developed	Performance and Development/ C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Hélène Gourichon
Work with partners from CPP to define and implement collective actions to progress the objectives of the Good Food Strategy	Number of actions validated and implemented by partners and areas covered	Performance and Development/ C&E	Updater: Hélène Gourichon Owner: Hélène Gourichon