

# Report

Report to:	<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>31 August 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Action Plan for the Third Year of Implementation (2022/2023) of the Good Food Strategy</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

- ◆ request approval of the action plan for the third year of implementation (2022/2023) of the Council's Good Food Strategy

## 2. Recommendations

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

- (1) that the Council's action plan for the third year of implementation (2022/2023) of the Good Food Strategy, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The Council's Good Food Strategy 2020-2025 was approved by the Executive Committee on 4 December 2019.
- 3.2. The Strategy provides a framework for actions to move towards healthier, fairer and more sustainable food systems in the Council's area and seeks to ensure that food plays a positive role in everyone's life. Change in the food systems has the potential to tackle challenges and bring positive outcomes in relation to health, well-being, social connections, poverty and inequalities, economy including agriculture and tourism, environment and climate change and animal welfare.
- 3.3. By taking into account all the aspects of food, the Council has set out objectives and intentions for the Council to deliver the vision of the Strategy but also to work in collaboration with partners and support the community.
- 3.4. The implementation of the Strategy started in April 2020. An update on the implementation of the Strategy is provided at quarter 2 and quarter 4 each year, with reports presented to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee.

## 4. Good Food Strategy Action Plan 2022/2023

- 4.1. The action plan for the third year of implementation of the Good Food Strategy is available in Appendix 1.

4.2. The action plan was developed based on inputs from the following services:-

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources: Amenity Services, Economic Development Services, Environmental Services, Facility Services, Planning, Refuse and Recycling
- ◆ Education Resources: Health and Wellbeing in schools, Youth, Families and Communities Learning Services
- ◆ Finance and Corporate Resources: Benefits and Revenue, Community Engagement, Money Matters Advice Services
- ◆ Social Work Resources: Unpaid Work Services.

4.3. The action plan includes two sections: Performance Indicators and Projects. Each section is divided into 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
- ◆ Good Food Governance.

Measures and actions are reported by outcome as defined in the Good Food Strategy.

## **5. Food Growing Strategy Action Plan 2022/2023**

- 5.1. In addition to the Good Food Strategy, the Council has a statutory obligation to develop a Food Growing Strategy and provide allotments and other food growing opportunities (Community Empowerment Scotland Act 2015).
- 5.2. The Council's Food Growing Strategy was published in 2020, with a Food Growing action plan formulated annually in consultation with members of the Food Growing Group. This Group is made up of partners, voluntary and third sector organisations. The Food Growing action plan is monitored by the Food Growing Group and shared in accordance with statutory obligations defined by the Scottish Government.
- 5.3. Given the relationship between the Food Growing Strategy and the Good Food Strategy and the requirement to report within similar timescales, the Good Food Strategy action plan for 2022/2023 incorporates the main Food Growing Strategy actions, allowing progress on food growing to be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee (in green in Appendix 1).

## **6. Monitoring Framework**

- 6.1. Progress of the action plan 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. A mid-term review of the Strategy will also be undertaken from mid-2023 and will be published next year. This will assess the broader outcomes and overall impacts of the five-year Strategy.

## **7. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**

- 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 strategies are 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 plan will be foreseen and reported on a case-by-case basis.

## **10. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 10.1. The Good Food action plan 2022/2023, by taking into account all the aspects of the food systems from farm to fork and encouraging the transition towards a more sustainable food system, will help to achieve the objectives of the Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy.

## **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.
- 12.2 Consultation was carried out with Council Services and members of the Food Growing Group as noted at paragraphs 4 and 5 of the report.

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28 July 2022

## **Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes**

### Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Working with and respecting others
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ◆ Ambitious, self-aware and improving
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ Excellent employer

### Priorities

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress and improve

### Outcomes

- ◆ Our children and young people thrive
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible
- ◆ Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Executive Committee 4 December 2019 - Good Food Strategy
- ◆ Executive Committee 16 December 2020 – Food Growing Strategy 2020-2025
- ◆ Climate Change and Sustainability Committee 10 February 2021 – Action Plan for the second year of implementation of the Good Food Strategy

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

### **Contact for Further Information**

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