

Report

Report to:	Community and Enterprise Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	31 March 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Action Plan – First Year of Implementation of the Good Food Strategy
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

- ◆ inform the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of the progress made for the implementation of the Good Food Strategy and, in particular, the development of the Council action plan
- ◆ approve the action plan for the first year of implementation of the Good Food Strategy

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the action plan for the first year of implementation of the Good Food Strategy, attached as Appendix 1 be approved; and
- (2) that the action plan be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on the 13 May 2020 for noting

3. Background

3.1. At its meeting on 12 November 2019, the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee endorsed the Good Food Strategy. The strategy was then approved by the Executive Committee on 4 December 2019. Subsequently, the Community Planning Partnership Board was informed of the strategy on 12 February 2020.

3.2. The strategy has been launched with the organisation of an event on 26 March 2020 in the Banqueting Hall in the Council Headquarters. The launch was an opportunity to present the strategy and its key objectives to South Lanarkshire food stakeholders from the public, private and third sectors.

3.3. The purpose of the event was also to inform people about the national policy framework and the Good Food Nation Bill with a speech from Mairi Gougeon, MSP, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment. In addition, information was provided on the main food challenges and opportunities in Scotland with a presentation from Pete Ritchie, Executive Director of Nourish Scotland.

3.4. The event was also to be an opportunity for networking in order to foster close partnership working during the strategy's implementation phase. This event was also about showcasing good food initiatives in South Lanarkshire and celebrating Scottish food.

3.5. The Good Food Strategy proposes a vision as well as 12 objectives for the development of a Good Food Council. For each of the objectives, in addition to background information, intentions of actions to progress the objectives were identified together with relevant Council services and partners.

4. Action Plan for the First Year of Implementation of the Good Food Strategy – Approval, Implementation and Monitoring Framework

4.1. Actions to implement the strategy during the first year were derived from the intentions identified in the strategy document for each of the objectives. They were defined in collaboration with Council Resources and Services involved in food related activities.

4.2. On the basis that the Committee approves the action plan, it is proposed that the action plan will be reported to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee on 13 May 2020 for noting.

4.3. On the basis that the Committee approves the action plan, its implementation will start from 31 March 2020.

4.4. Progress on objectives and intentions will be monitored and reported every 6 months via IMPROVe the performance management system (Q2 and Q4) to the CMT and relevant Committees and Forums.

4.5. Bi-annual monitoring reports will consist of quantitative information with the number of targets achieved and qualitative information highlighting progress and impacts of specific actions and initiatives. Broader outcomes i.e. overall impacts of the strategy will be annually monitored following the framework proposed in the strategy document and against the selected indicators.

5. Action Plan for the First Year of Implementation of the Good Food Strategy - Content

5.1. The action plan is divided by objectives and then by intentions following the structure of the Good Food Strategy and is set out in Appendix 1. It is worth noting that this is the first time the Council has prepared such an action plan and, as such, the effectiveness of its implementation will be monitored, and findings reflected in the future iterations of the action plan. For new actions, services will focus on establishing baseline in order to determine suitable targets for the following years and to better inform future actions.

5.2. Actions from the following Resources and Services were compiled:-

- ◆ Finance and Corporate: Money Matters Advice Service, Healthy Working Lives, Procurement, Scottish Welfare Fund, Tackling Poverty
- ◆ Community and Enterprise: Amenities, Economic Development, Environmental Services, External Funding, Facilities, Leader, Planning, Refuse and Recycling, Sustainable Development and Climate Change
- ◆ Social Work: Unpaid Work Services
- ◆ Education: Youth, Families and Communities Learning Services

- 5.3. The action plan consists of 58 actions and can be categorized as follow:-
- ◆ 36% of the actions were already undertaken by the Council in 2019/2020 but most of them were not reported in Resource or Service Plans
 - ◆ 14% are food related actions already carried out in 2019/2020 but they will be improved so as to align them with the objectives of the strategy
 - ◆ 50% are new actions or actions previously undertaken but with no or limited focus on food and their scope have been redefined to focus on food and progress the objectives of the strategy

6. Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 6.1. 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.

7. Employee Implications

- 7.1. Monitoring the implementation of the action plan is the key task of the Policy Officer (Food Development).
- 7.2. 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 food strategy and as indicated in the action plan.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. Although there are no financial implications at this stage, specific funding implications related to the implementation of the strategy will be considered as initiatives are taken forward and reported accordingly.

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 9.1. The Good Food Strategy will support the outcomes of the current Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy.

10. Other Implications

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

11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

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17 March 2020

Link(s) 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

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 22 May 2018 - Food Development – Policy Officer
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 22 January 2019 - Proposal for Food Strategy
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 3 September 2019 - Proposal for Food Strategy
- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 12 November 2019 - Good Food Strategy
- ◆ Executive Committee 4 December 2019 - Good Food Strategy

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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