

Report

Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	4 December 2019
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Recommendations Referred by Community and Enterprise Resources Committee
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval of the following recommendations referred to this Committee by the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 12 November 2019

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the recommendation referred by the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee in relation to the Good Food Strategy be approved.

3. Background

3.1. Good Food Strategy

A joint report dated 24 October 2019 by the Executive Directors (Community and Enterprise Resources) and (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the:-

- ◆ development of a Good Food Strategy for the period 2020 to 2025
- ◆ launch and implementation of the Good Food Strategy
- ◆ temporary post of Policy Officer (Food Development) within Community and Enterprise Resources

Part 9 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 placed new duties and responsibilities on local authorities in relation to the provision of allotments and food growing opportunities. In addition, the Act required local authorities to prepare local food strategies to support the process of transition towards more sustainable food systems to tackle health, social, economic and environmental challenges related to food.

At its meeting on 3 September 2019, the Committee had approved the development of a Good Food Strategy for the period 2020 to 2025 which would include a vision for a sustainable food system for the Council, its partners and its communities. The Strategy would detail the approach to address food related challenges, needs and demands and provide a commitment to address food poverty and food related health issues and to ensure the sustainability of the food system.

Initial proposals for the vision and objectives of the Good Food Strategy had been developed and, following a consultation exercise with relevant stakeholders, the

vision and objectives had been reviewed to reflect the responses received to the consultation. The reviewed vision and objectives of the Good Food Strategy for the period 2020 to 2025 were provided in the report.

The Head of Facilities, Waste and Grounds Services had requested that, in addition to the vision and objectives contained in the Strategy document, an additional objective 'to work towards the Sustainable Food Places awards as a catalyst for positive changes and recognition of the success of the Good Food Strategy' be included in the proposed Strategy document, attached as an appendix to the report. Following approval, the Good Food Strategy would be launched in 2020 and implemented with effect from 1 April 2020.

Given the complex and varied work identified within the draft Good Food Strategy, it was proposed that the temporary post of 1 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Policy Officer (Food Development) within Community and Enterprise Resources on Grade 3, Level 2 to 4 (£32,027 to £37,647) be made permanent.

The costs associated with the establishment of the above post on a permanent basis would be met from existing budgets within Community and Enterprise Resources.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Good Food Strategy for the period 2020 to 2025, attached as an appendix to the report, be endorsed, subject to the inclusion of an additional objective as outlined above;
- (2) that, following approval by the Executive Committee, the Good Food Strategy for the period 2020 to 2025 be launched in 2020 and implemented with effect from 1 April 2020; and
- (3) that the temporary post of 1 FTE Policy Officer (Food Development) on Grade 3, Level 2 to 4 (£32,027 to £37,647) within Community and Enterprise Resources be made permanent.

The Committee recommended that the Good Food Strategy for the period 2020 to 2025 be approved.
to the Executive Committee:

[Reference: Minutes of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 3 September 2019 (Paragraph 9)]

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. All employee implications were highlighted as part of the original reports to Resource Committees.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. All financial implications were highlighted as part of the original reports to Resource Committees.

6. Other Implications (Including Environmental and Risk Issues)

- 6.1. Any risks or sustainability issues or other implications were highlighted as part of the original reports to the Resource Committees.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. Equality impact assessment and consultation arrangements were highlighted as part of the original reports to the Resource Committees.
- 7.2. There is no requirement to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment or consultation in terms of the proposals contained in this report.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

21 November 2019

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, effective and efficient

Previous References

- ◆ Minutes of Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 12 November 2019

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee, 12 November 2019

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