

## **Glasgow City Food Plan Development Day**

**9<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Tontine Building**

### **Summary Notes from the Catering & Procurement Group**

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#### **Exercise 1**

Is there is particular data or evidence missing from the briefings sent around/information presented. Are there any additional policies or strategies that influence the food system that we need to include in our discussions.

Do we know where/how to fill these gaps

The information collated for procurement spend and scale was largely focused on Council activity. Information was needed for the wider public sector : NHS and Universities/Colleges. Both sectors have centralised procurement functions similar to Scotland Excel ; Laura Muir will be able to provide contact details for APUC (Association of Procurement for Universities and Colleges) and NHS National Procurement.

It would also be useful to map out public sector footprint in Glasgow, Scottish Government also has a presence in Glasgow,

Can we establish how many SMEs are involved in public sector frameworks, suggested that the Scottish Government collates this data ,

Scotland Food and Drink may have details on locally sourced food in private sector

Carbon impact of food procurement in Glasgow, how readily can that be measured : University of Strathclyde may be able to advise

#### **Exercise 2:**

- a. Discuss the vision and long term outcomes

Think about seasonal food, not explicitly referred to in the long term outcomes  
Local food economy thriving and develop shorter supply chains, more direct connection to local food production in public and private sector in Glasgow

#### **2.B**

What would we like to achieve in the next 2-5 years (i.e. short term outcomes) that would help make progress towards these (long term) outcomes?

In doing this, the group should

- reflect on what is already happening,
- identify barriers/challenges to progress

- consider what more needs to happen to strengthen links and synergies in existing work, to scale up and build resilience into promising projects, and
- to fill gaps in provision/develop new work in a joined-up way.

Glasgow is a relatively compact city which should allow for development of shorter supply chains  
 Scotland Excel shared experience of separating out supply and distribution in food contracts ( the example discussed was for frozen fish) this makes contracts more accessible to smaller suppliers.  
 Look at areas to reduce waste, use of plastics, food miles ,

Suggested medium/short term outcomes in these areas

- Shortening food supply chains to reduce carbon impact (not currently measured)
- increasing % of local food in all sectors,
- creating more supply chain opportunities for smaller businesses
- Maximising community benefits, linking more explicitly to food in the community

Challenges

Ageing farming workforce is a possible future restriction on local food production and scale of local growing not perceived to be sufficient to support scale of public sector procurement, these are both issues that should be considered under Food Economy theme

Matching community benefits to what is needed

Infrastructure is not available for recycling in all instances

Restrained by business models of the private sector

Opportunities

Tenemental living greater opportunities for food sharing

Multicultural city brings opportunities , do we need to make better connections into communities.

Woodlands Community Garden have links with Glasgow University

COP 26 – can we look at sustainable food how/who, showcase Scotland and Glasgows food and drink

Can procurement be used to raise standards in farming ?

Growth in early years workforce , does training and development include enough opportunities in relation to healthy eating and food

Role out of free school meals can we provide a Scottish meal

### Exercise 3 :

For each short term outcome identified in exercise 2,

- think about who needs to be involved,
  - who might be appropriate to take the lead/responsibility and
  - consider what the resource implications might be
- Shortening food supply chains to reduce carbon impact (not currently measured)  
 Need to discuss further, who would have the expertise to measure this

- increasing % of local food in all sectors, this is seem as a priority  
do we understand the local market sufficiently (who could do this analysis)  
which categories should we focus on , need breakdown on local by type of food, for some currently 100% local e.g bread and rolls  
could we achieve 50% local food within the next 5 years , need to talk to other sectors
- creating more supply chain opportunities for smaller businesses, meet the producer event  
need to do more to help smes engage with public sector contracts, some evidence that smes can find that challenging, national contracts broken down by council area, but could break that down further if a Council wanted to do that, could commodities be broken down further to help smes bid
- Maximising community benefits, linking more explicitly to food in the community

Are we doing absolutely everything we can to ensure we are procuring healthy food,  
Urban food sector currently small and will take time to grow

Need initial meeting with Health and College/Univ procurement leads to discuss these outline outcomes as not present at development session

Better understanding of the procurement practice of businesses in Glasgow : Scotland Food and Drink

How much local produce is available at Blochairn.

#### Other Comments

There were a number of people unable to attend the discussion on the 9<sup>th</sup> : from the Soil Association and procurement representatives from NHSGGC and Universities/ Colleges.

There will be follow up contact with these sectors early in the year to share the discussion points from the development day and also to gather baseline data.

It is planned to bring the full group together towards end of January.