



Food Procurement and Catering

Glasgow's public sector presence and catering and procurement for the public sector is a significant part of the city's economy and is part of the Food Economy described below. Glasgow City Council serves over 13 million school meals annually and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde provides around 10,000 patient meals per day. Glasgow's Colleges and Universities have a combined student population of around 120,000. Glasgow City Council through City Property Glasgow also manages the Glasgow Wholesale Market which has an annual turnover of £250 million.

While the climate emergency has pushed the need to reduce food miles up the agenda - the pace at which this can be accelerated will be dependent on a number of factors, including the scope of procurement policy to provide further opportunities for local, as well as organic, suppliers. This will help to create demand, fill any gaps in the local market, stimulate the local economy and radically reduce food miles and carbon emissions in line with the city's carbon management plan. In particular, where possible, reducing the size of contracts, so that they can be bid for by a more diverse range of businesses, e.g. smaller and local businesses, will have a greater local economic impact for every pound spent. [Glasgow City Food Plan](#) actions 27-33 relate to this theme.