



Food Economy

Across the UK around 50% of all food consumed is imported and local food spend while increasing, only equates to around 1-2% of household food spend. Locally produced food bought from a local retailer can be worth almost ten times as much to the local economy as the same food from a long distant producer, purchased in a supermarket. Glasgow needs to both grow and source more food locally.

The Food and Drink Sector contributes around £330million per year to Glasgow's economy and the food and drink service sector accounts for around 8% of jobs. The city has a vibrant but small local food sector, some urban market gardens supplying locally and many larger food and hospitality businesses. There are many varied and enjoyable employment opportunities in this ever evolving sector with good progression prospects. However, there are also many jobs in this sector that are not well paid.

[Glasgow City Food Plan](#) actions 34-47 relate to this theme.