



**Glasgow City Food Plan: Food Waste Reduction Working Group
2-3.30pm, 19th November 2024 (meeting no.2, 2024/25)**

Notes and Actions

1. **Present:** Scott Armstrong (SA), Jim Burns (JB), Rania Dimou (RD), Rikka Gonzalez (RG), Jenny MacGilvray (JMac), Jill Muirie (JM), Catherine Pendreigh (CP). **Apologies:** Erin Dobson (GUEST)

2. **Review of last meeting notes and matters arising**
 - **Update on ZWS [online 'bite-sized' food waste course](#) (CP)**

CP advised that the reach of the course appears to be good; the challenge is assessing the impact on behaviour change. Three month surveys have just started to help assess this.
Action: all to consider sharing with catering managers/staff

 - **Commercial food waste: data**

SA suggested asking the commercial team how many customers they have, but there are other (non GCC) suppliers such as ChangeWorks. Household waste goes to Scottish Water. There was a suggestion to check EHO duty re commercial waste collection -do they need to check if businesses have a commercial waste contract? **Action: JM**

 - **GCFN: update on *Composting For The Future* campaign (JMac)**

Small funding pots to support community groups with composting projects has been established as part of the campaign. Also hosting a series of mini food composting events: [Composting Connections](#). They have also been collaborating with [Gathering Ground](#) CIC who will be collecting food waste from local businesses to use in their hot composter, eventually for use on their growing space. GCFN also commissioned a Food Waste Report, with more information about food waste in Glasgow, which will be shortly published. JMac asked to put composting on the agenda for the next meeting as she will be creating a more formal composting network. **Action: JM**

 - **Update on Sustainable Glasgow events guidance for potential sharing (RD)**

Three year plan to reduce environmental impact of events: to include environmental guidance and conditions of lets for outdoor events. Will be rolled out over a three year period. Glasgow Life also developing sustainable events guidance. **Action: RD to share when available.**
RG has been trying to speak with Glasgow Life about their sustainable events guidance. **Action: RD to reach out to GL colleagues and make link with RG**

3. **Food Waste project in schools - update and discussion (GP)**

Plate (food) waste has been identified as a problem (economic and environmental) in schools. C&FM have embarked on a food waste reduction project titled '*Great Taste, Don't Waste*' that is now a long-term endeavour, which will also provide data for the Good Food Nation team. [Waste Warriors](#) will be delivered in some primary schools, including Shawlands. Will be taking forward a food waste reduction project, measuring baseline food waste and at 6 weeks.

C&FM is also working with pupils councils and will be sending 'Only buy what you need' communications to parents. Headteachers are getting the message out to students. GCC now also has a permanent council-wide food waste working group. A monthly school food report including numbers of pre-selected meals shows that 'overselection' of meals is going down.

4. Changes in the nature of food redistribution by FareShare - update and discussion (JB)

The nature of the surplus food received by FareShare is changing - less retail surplus to more manufacturing and processing surplus. Currently going through a transition - will be fully operational from 01/04/25. Projects relying on FareShare supplies will need to reorient their service; a new tiered membership model will be in operation. FareShare supporting this change - including supporting access to Environmental Health registration and freezers etc. Feedback from community food projects has been positive.

5. Proposal for a Food Waste Forum or discussion to develop targeted action (JM)

Food waste remains stubbornly high - household and commercial food waste. JM advised that Nourish had suggested collaborating with Glasgow to host a food waste forum or discussion event with key stakeholders to identify possible initiatives and asked for views. CP noted a previous bid by Nourish Scotland for a food waste initiative that was quite resource intensive/costly. It was suggested that we need to understand how this would add to the existing avenues that exist before taking it further. There was uncertainty about the usefulness given the other forums that already exist. eg. Waste Managers Networks (meets nationally on a quarterly basis). Nourish could present to that forum instead?

Action: SA to forward contact details to JM

The [Circular Economy Route Map](#) commits to a household food waste intervention plan (SG contact changing) - this will be a priority for ZWS - will be bringing stakeholders together in developing the route map and how that interacts with Good Food Nation. Perhaps this is the forum to be working with? **Action: JM to speak further with Nourish Scotland.**

6. Partner updates and opportunities for collaboration

RD advised that GCC's plastic reduction strategy is being integrated into the revised Circular Economy Route Map - currently working on that integration.

SA advised that GCC is still rolling out twin stream recycling across Glasgow. Complete by end of March 2025 for all kerbside. Then rolled out to all flats. Food waste collection will be reintroduced with food waste caddies and liners. These are available for distribution.

Action: any organisations able to distribute these to communities to get in touch with SA.

Bin hubs - these service circa 4000 properties. Communication plan will be delivered on an area basis as delivery is area specific.

7. Actions and next steps

<i>Summary of Agreed Actions</i>	
Check EHO duty re commercial waste collection - do they need to check businesses have a commercial waste contract?	JM
Composting on the agenda for the next meeting	JM
Share GCC Sustainable Events Guidance when complete	RD
Link up Glasgow Life and Riikka Gonzalez in relation to sustainable events guidance	RD
Forward contact details of Waste Managers Network to JM	SA
Speak further with Nourish Scotland about proposed work on food waste	JM
Organisations able to distribute new food waste caddies and liners to communities to get in touch with Scott A.	All

8. Future meetings dates/schedule for the year : 2pm 27/02/25; 2pm 20/05/25