

## Leeds Food Strategy

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Report of: Chief Officer, Sustainable Energy & Air Quality

Report to: Consultative Meeting of Members of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee

Will the decision be open for call in?  Yes  No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?  Yes  No

### Brief summary

This report provides Members of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee with an introduction to the Leeds Food Strategy.

A copy of the draft Leeds Food Strategy is attached as Appendix A to this report.

The Committee will receive a presentation on the Leeds Food Strategy which will focus on the following key areas:

- Overview of process so far
- Short introduction to Health & Wellbeing and Food Security & Economy sections
- Sustainability & Resilience section
  - Objectives
  - Key actions the Council has committed to
- Consultation

There will be an opportunity for Members of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee to feed back thoughts on the draft strategy which will be recorded as part of the official consultation.

The Committee will also receive a short presentation from Dr Michelle Morris from the University of Leeds on the Carbon Footprint Calculator which has been developed by the Consumer Data Research Centre in partnership with Leeds City Council. The Carbon Footprint Calculator is an example of the type of work that the strategy will deliver.

### Recommendations

- a) To receive, consider and discuss the presentation “Leeds Draft Food Strategy”
- b) To note that the discussions will provide a steer on the final Leeds Food Strategy

## What is this report about?

- 1 This report provides the Members of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee with an introduction to and overview of the Leeds Food Strategy. The draft Leeds Food Strategy document is attached at Appendix A for Members consideration.

## What impact will this proposal have?

- 2 Discussions and input from Members of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee will provide steer on the Sustainability & Resilience section of the final Leeds Food Strategy.
- 3 As currently stands the objectives for the Sustainability & Resilience section are:
  - a) Empower residents to choose healthy diets by raising awareness of choices that are good for the planet.
  - b) Tackle waste by reducing, redistributing, and utilising surplus food.
  - c) Champion environmentally sustainable and resilient procurement.
  - d) Support local farmers to transition to resilient and profitable agriculture which improves the environment.
  - e) Encourage and enable innovative and community-led food production.

## How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

- 4 The strategy has been built with these 3 pillars at its core, its 3 sections each focused on one of these. See draft Leeds Food Strategy at Appendix A.

## What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected: N/A

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 5 The strategy work began with an event in January 2022 to let stakeholders across the city know that this work was being undertaken and that LCC welcomed input from any interested parties throughout Leeds. Another event was held in July as an opportunity for the wider stakeholder group to comment and contribute to the draft objectives which had been worked up in the interim by the 3 working groups (health and wellbeing, food security and economy, and sustainability and resilience). Each of the 3 working groups were made up of representatives of a multitude of organisations.
- 6 Throughout the strategy development the progress and draft objectives have been taken to the following groups:
  - a) CEAC Food and Biodiversity Group
  - b) Leeds Food Insecurity Taskforce
  - c) Healthy Population Board
- 7 Once the strategy has been approved an 8-week wider general public consultation is planned to take place from October 24<sup>th</sup> until Dec 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be an online questionnaire as well as engagement at public events.

## What are the resource implications?

- 8 The strategy development has been managed within current resources.

## What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 9 There is a risk that not all Members are able to attend on October 24<sup>th</sup> to give their input to discussions. By circulating this report, which include the draft Leeds Food Strategy in Appendix A, to all Members of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee it gives all a chance to comment.

### **What are the legal implications?**

10 N/A

### **Options, timescales and measuring success**

#### **What other options were considered?**

- 11 No other options were considered. There were always plans to consult Members of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee on the Leeds Food Strategy.

#### **How will success be measured?**

- 12 Level of engagement from Members of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee.
- 13 Agreement from Members on objectives and actions of the Sustainability & Resilience section of the strategy, as these have been created in collaboration with a number of stakeholders across the city.

#### **What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?**

- 14 Timetable for work on the Leeds Food Strategy is as follows:

October 2022	Draft Leeds Food Strategy to Executive Board and hosted on LCC website
October – December 2022	Wider public consultation taking place
January - February 2023	Alterations to strategy being made
March 2023	Final Leeds Food Strategy to Executive Board
April 2023 – March 2024	First year of Leeds Food Action Plan delivery, monitored by FoodWise Leeds
2024 – 2030	Development of annual Leeds Food Action Plan and delivery of workstreams under objectives

- 15 Comments and discussion from Members of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee will be taken into consideration when the Final Leeds Food Strategy is being produced.
- 16 Chief Officer of Sustainable Energy & Air Quality is responsible for the Sustainability & Resilience section of the strategy.

**Appendices** - Appendix A – Draft Leeds Food Strategy

**Background papers** - None