

Appendix 2 - Developing a Swansea Council Sustainable Food Policy

Key Headlines for CC&NR CDC Consideration

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This task is timely as the Welsh Government consultation on the new Food (Wales) Bill has closed this month (Jan 23). We recommend aligning our new Swansea Council policy with its proposed goals.

1. Duty on public bodies to advance food goals.

Public bodies must take reasonable steps to advance the primary food goal and the secondary food goals.

2. Primary food goal

The primary food goal is the provision of affordable, healthy, and economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable food for the people of Wales.

3. Secondary food goals

<i>Economic well-being</i>	<i>Creating new economic opportunities through promotion of locally produced food. Promoting sustainable economic, social and community development. Encouraging better links between food producers, processors and consumers.</i>
<i>Health and social</i>	<i>Reducing malnutrition, food poverty and food insecurity. Reducing obesity. Encouraging equitable distribution of healthy and sustainable food within communities. Promoting the social well-being benefits of food, for example through community growing and allotments. Promoting the importance of consuming healthy food for improving physical and mental health and well-being.</i>
<i>Education</i>	<i>Increasing the quality and accessibility of educational provision on food-related issues. Developing food skills to ensure better, healthier diets and well-being.</i>
<i>Environment</i>	<i>Lessening environmental impacts of food production, processing and consumption. Enhancing and regenerating the natural environment through food production. Restoring and maintaining biodiversity and habitats through food production. Promoting a food system that mitigates and adapts to climate change, and minimises Wales' global environmental footprint.</i>
<i>Food waste</i>	<i>Reducing food waste across the food system, including by food producers, processors and consumers.</i>

More specifically SME officer discussions have included:

- Ensuring all food purchased and consumed as part of our internal council arrangements must be safe and respective regulation must be in place.
- Encouraging products that are traded fairly throughout the supply chain.
- Considering land for growing opportunities.
- Encouraging menus with lower carbon footprint.

Corporate contracts will cover animal welfare, nutritional value, health, safety etc. If purchasing directly however, then we need to be mindful of achieving the same standards. Due diligence must be applied on any direct food purchase.

To note, an additional piece of work will run alongside this to support the wider county agenda.

We would welcome thoughts from the Climate Change Committee on the suggestions above, prior to drafting the policy document.