

Food Action Plan (DRAFT)

Access to healthy, affordable food is critical for survival and enables people to thrive. No one in the borough should have to go without food or buy poor-quality food which does not nourish them. Lack of access to good food has far-reaching consequences, from poorer educational outcomes to poor mental health.

The types of food we eat and how we produce it are significant drivers of the climate crisis. It also makes our residents vulnerable to uncertainty in international supply chains, especially those on low incomes. With this action plan we recognise the importance of encouraging more sustainable and resilient eating habits.

This action plan also acknowledges the role that food plays in bringing communities together and the importance of the food economy in creating a food-secure borough. As well as seeing food as an aspect of broader wellbeing.

While the vision of a borough where no one goes hungry is simple, achieving this is more complicated. This action plan focuses on what the Council and partners can do to address food insecurity in the borough. It details where our role includes acting as systems leaders advocating and supporting broader structural change – encouraging teams across the Council and beyond to work towards this vision. It will also set out where partners are taking the lead in key areas of delivery recognising the vibrancy and breadth of food support and activity in the borough. Together, we hope to achieve a borough with resilient food networks and a robust safety net for residents, where no one goes hungry, and where we maximise the role of food in culture, wellbeing and business to create a food-secure borough.

This action plan is a dynamic document. It will be a working document with updates and amendments made following each of our working groups and also at ‘touchpoints’ in the year where we will review progress to date and reflect on our key objectives and priorities.

Our work on food will not be in isolation. We will work towards our food actions using the key principles that underpin all our work as part of the Haringey Deal. These include:

- Promoting dignity not stigma
- Focusing on what’s strong not on what’s wrong
- Sharing power
- Hearing the voices that are too often overlooked

We also recognise that food insecurity is fundamentally a form of poverty. Whilst the activity to address poverty and provide support in the cost of living crisis is essential to food security, they are not captured on this action plan. Relevant actions and strategies will be shared with the working groups and learning from food activity including changes in demand for food aid and crisis provision will be shared across the Council to help us in both understanding our communities needs and supporting solutions to these.

Our initial high level objectives for this food strategy are:

Objective 1: Ensuring that no one in Haringey goes hungry

Objective 2: Healthy Eating

Objective 3: Promoting local, affordable and sustainable food supply

Objective 4: A responsible and valued food community

Objective 1: Working together to ensure that no one in Haringey goes hungry

Priority 1: Make it easy for people to access dignified food crisis support, which provides signposts to advice services					
Action ID	Action	Description of actions to date	Responsibility	Timescale for implementation	Monitoring and Evaluation
1.1.1.	Haringey Food Map	<p>Haringey Food Support Map HCFN : Maintain and grow the Haringey Food Map</p> <p>A challenge with this map is that it may be focusing demand on key organisations.</p>	Food Network		
1.1.2	Access to advice	Community of Practice	Food Network		
		Linking up with Council internal organisations i.e. Haringey Learns, Schools	Council VCS Team		
Priority 2: Continue to grow a robust Haringey Food Network in partnership with the Council and work to ensure a sustainable supply of healthy and appropriate food.					
Action ID	Action	Description	Responsibility	Timescale for implementation	Monitoring and Evaluation
1.2.1	Funding of network coordinator	The Council is committed to funding this post for 2024-2025	Council VCS Team		
1.2.2.	Support smaller groups to join Food Network				
1.2.3	Community of Practice	The Community of Practice Project includes a stated output of the Food Network and VCS Team delivering one partnership session dedicated to building strategic relationships with supermarkets and other local businesses to reduce food waste and improve food redistribution across the borough	Food Network	October 2023	
1.2.4	Food Roots 2 Bid	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Direct grants available for new or existing food partnerships to improve the resilience and sustainability of their local response to food insecurity over 12 months. An accompanying support programme, providing learning sessions and mentoring for grantee organisations, ensuring that sustainable delivery is at the heart of the offer. This will include specific training and support to 	<p>Council VCS Team</p> <p>Bridge renewal Trust</p>	July 2023	

		<p>partnerships to help them to increase the take up of Healthy Start in their communities.</p> <p>3. Independent evaluation of the programme. Engagement in the evaluation and accompanying support programme will be a requirement for grant recipients.</p>			
Priority 3: Lobby the national government to play their part in ending food poverty, including ensuring the provision of Free School Meals (FSM) over school holidays					
Action ID	Action	Description	Responsibility	Timescale for implementation	Monitoring and Evaluation
1.3.1	Holiday FSM vouchers		Haringey Council	Implemented for 2023/2024	
1.3.2	Holiday Activity Fund		Haringey Council	Implemented for 2023/2024	

Objective 2: Healthy Eating

A Priority 1: Improve access to nutritious food and ensure everyone has the facilities available to prepare a healthy meal					
Action ID	Action	Description of actions to date	Responsibility	Timescale for implementation	Monitoring and Evaluation
Priority 2: Ensure that no child is hungry in their early or school years, preventing food insecurity from disrupting education					
Action ID	Action	Description	Responsibility	Timescale for implementation	Monitoring and Evaluation
2.2.1	FSM Extension	Extension of the eligibility for FSM including a discretionary element for households experiencing temporary or specific difficulties	Haringey Council	Implemented for 2023/2024	
Priority 3: Work alongside the Haringey Obesity Alliance and in line with the Healthy Weight Strategy to promote a balanced and nutritious diet for all					
Action ID	Action	Description	Responsibility	Timescale for implementation	Monitoring and Evaluation
Priority 4: Promote the Healthy Schools London program, supporting children to maintain healthy lifestyles and good health and wellbeing					
Action ID	Action	Description	Responsibility	Timescale for implementation	Monitoring and Evaluation

Objective 3: Promoting local, affordable and sustainable food supply

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority 1: Moving from emergency provision to sustainable, community-based initiatives, e.g. social supermarkets and community kitchens 					
Action ID	Action	Description of actions to date	Responsibility	Timescale for implementation	Monitoring and Evaluation
3.1.1.	Community Supermarket Proposal	St Ann's Library or Park Lane			
3.1.2	St Ann's Solidarity Box scheme	<p>St Ann's Food Hub is a group of local people in and around St Ann's ward in Haringey who are committed to everyone being able to access fresh produce.</p> <p>They provide boxes full of fresh fruit and veg for £10 as well as providing 'Solidarity' boxes for free to those locally who really need them through our local partner organisations.</p>	St Ann's Food Hub		
Priority 2: Identify locations of food deserts in the borough to determine where affordable food projects will be most effective					
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3.2.1	Campsbourne Food Systems Project	The Kurdish Advice Centre (in collaboration with Hornsey Food Bank and Campsbourne Community Collective) has been awarded a small grant from Hornsey Parochial Charities to run a project on our local food system. This will involve bringing together the different organisations/individuals serving Campsbourne Estate to collaboratively develop a more efficient, inclusive and sustainable system that benefits our diverse residents.	Project Team	<p>June- September 2023: Phase One: Food Mapping</p> <p>October-April 2023: Phase 2: Implementation subject to funding confirmation</p>	
Priority 3: Promote food growing, sustainable eating habits and reducing food waste within the borough by working with local food banks and community growing projects.					
Action ID	Action	Description	Responsibility	Timescale for implementation	Monitoring and Evaluation
3.3.1	Commerce Road				
3.3.2	St Ann's Garden				
3.3.3	Haringey Waste Strategy				

Objective 4: A responsible and valued food community

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority 1: Support and celebrate the diversity of Haringey's food businesses and their role in the local economy, and enable businesses to play a role in supporting food security alongside the Food Network
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4.1.1.	Eat Wood Green	We've been working closing with the Ubele Initiative and Black Rootz over the past year to develop the Eat Wood Green project. Architecture firm 'PUP' are creating an innovative and exciting design which responds to the opportunities and challenges of the site, and will deliver a treasured new community space.		Summer 2024	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority 2: Priority 2: Work to increase the number of businesses that accept healthy start cards, pay a living wage and sign up for schemes like healthy catering commitment, peas please and sugar smart. 					
Action ID	Action	Description	Responsibility	Timescale for implementation	Monitoring and Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority 3: Priority 3: Support local community-led food events and festivals, including the upcoming Haringey Feast 					
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4.3.1	Haringey Feast	Haringey Feast will be a day of rolling activity; a curated cultural feast celebrating all things... made by Haringey!	Autumn 2023		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority 4: Supporting food-sharing initiatives that bring communities together, celebrate cultures and promote human connection 					
Action ID	Action	Description	Responsibility	Timescale for implementation	Monitoring and Evaluation
4.3.2	Supper Clubs	Weekly at Hornsey Health Centre	LAC Team	Implemented	