Food Plan objectives and progress

Informing the Strategic Plan for Food

	OBJECTIVE	PROGRESS
1	**Identify areas of priority within the food system** and develop projects, stakeholder groups and actions to progress and demonstrate tangible outputs	Priorities were identified collaboratively with partners through 2 food summits and subsequently developed into projects. For example, the BeanMeals project emerged from a shared ambition to increase the use of locally grown produce and strengthen links with catering services.
2	**Inform actions** to ensure that Leicestershire County Council work supporting projects and wider systems change are included	Good Food Leicestershire (GFL) brings together partners from across the food system, from growers and community organisations to strategic stakeholders, to drive collective action on food priorities. Partners contribute to Food Summits, support national consultations such as the DEFRA Land Use Framework, and help shape local initiatives including Health in All Policies. This collaborative approach has strengthened system-wide engagement and translated strategic priorities into practical action across Leicestershire.
3	**Share examples, best practice, news stories and case studies** to inform policy making, communications and marketing and to champion collective efforts to improve Leicestershire's Food System as we all work towards Leicestershire's Silver and Gold SFP award	GFL uses a range of communication channels, including Facebook, LinkedIn, *Healthy Leicestershire* and the *Nuggets of Gold* newsletter, to share learning, opportunities and food system stories. Through a network of over 350 stakeholders and organisations, partners amplify best practice and support the development of innovative programmes such as Food as Medicine and the Whole School Approach to Food and Nutrition, helping translate Food Plan priorities into lasting system change.
4	**Support the generation of local Good Food Movements** through engaging with community partners, establishing common tools and marketing and publicising of events	Multiple local partnerships all linking together to generate interests and a Good Food Movement e.g. Local Growers Network has independently grown a resource bringing growers together across Leicestershire and supporting a wider understanding of what the movement needs.
5	**Metrics and measurements are in place** that enable partners to track progress, but more importantly demonstrate the value of taking a food systems approach	Individual projects establish their own success measures and evaluation metrics based on the specific outcomes they are seeking to achieve. For example, early outcomes from the Food as Medicine programme's initial cohort, co-designed with 20 young people, include increased consumption of fruit, healthy snacks and water following physical activity, alongside improvements in healthy eating knowledge.