



Report to Economic and Environmental Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee 12th February 2014

Report of: Executive Director, Place

Subject: Sheffield Food Strategy

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Summary:

A previous version of the food strategy was presented to scrutiny in Oct 2013. The committee had a number of comments and requested that a final draft of the strategy be brought to a future meeting. Comments included:

- Particular concern over growth in Food Banks
- Concern over proliferation of take away outlets and association with poor nutrition
- Wanted to see more food and cooking skills education particularly in schools
- Want to investigate opportunities through waste management contract with VEOLIA
- Thought it would be useful to include some case studies

A range of public consultation has taken place since the Oct committee and feedback from this has also now been incorporated into the final draft. Key changes taking into account scrutiny and public feedback include:

- Unsure about Food Trust, what it would do
- Inclusion of food growing and cooking as priorities
- More plain language
- Improved links to 'move more' strategy – to be further addressed through implementation plans
- Maintained emphasis on food poverty as a top priority

Future plans include commissioning design work on the final strategy and development of an online resource including case studies. An implementation plan is also now in development through the Food Executive Group and will be governed through the Food and Physical Activity Board.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	x
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

Comment on the draft Food Strategy.

Background Papers:

Sheffield Food Strategy V6.

Category of Report: OPEN