

PART A - Initial Impact Assessment

Proposal Name: Sustainable Food Provision (EIA ID: #2118)

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Proposal Outline: South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority are making £150,000 available to Sheffield City Council with the requirement that it must be spent directly on sustainable food provision for those in financial hardship. It is proposed that the funding is used to accelerate the implementation of the Food Access Plan (already approved with EIA). Specifically, it will be used to develop sustainable local food sourcing infrastructure by 1. Investing in S6 food bank to give them capacity to purchase food at scale on behalf of other food banks and food initiatives in the city. This will benefit the food projects who take part by reducing the cost of the food they require and reducing the time they must spend sourcing food. In turn this will increase the resilience of the emergency food relief system. 2. Investing in Food Works to enable them to scale up their surplus food sourcing and develop a pantry model. Food Works pantries will be rolled out in multiple locations across the city in partnership with community organisations. This will increase the number of people in our most disadvantaged communities that are able to access affordable nutritious food.

Proposal Type: Budget

Entered on QTier: No

QTier Ref: #

Year Of Proposal: 23/24

Lead Director for proposal: Greg Fell

Service Area:

EIA Start Date: 23/05/2023

Lead Equality Objective: Break the cycle and improve life chances

Equality Lead Officer: Ed Sexton

Decision Type

Committees: Sub-Committees

- Finance

Portfolio

Primary Portfolio: Public Health

EIA is cross portfolio: Yes Communities

EIA is joint with another organisation: No

Overview of Impact

Overview Summery:

These initiatives will positively impact those experiencing poverty and financial hardship. Financial hardship is more prevalent in marginalised groups including minority ethnic communities, refugees and asylum seekers, those living with physical or learning disability, households with dependant children, carers and the elderly. Initiatives will need to develop in a way that can respond to the unique needs of the groups and individuals experiencing poverty. Where community pantries are established, these will be done so in collaboration with community partner organisations who understand the needs of thier communities. We will encourage food works to proactively reach out to organisations that represent

marginalised communities in addition to locating provision based on area deprivation. A full EIA will be undertaken at the beginning of the planning process for these projects in order to ensure that the positive impacts are felt across all equalities groups

Impacted characteristics:

- Age
- Carers
- Disability
- Health
- Poverty & Financial Inclusion
- Voluntary/Community & Faith Sectors
- Pregnancy/Maternity
- Religion/Belief
- Race

Impacted local area(s):

All

Food banks and pantries will be located in areas with high levels of poverty and therefore should have a positive impact on those living within these geographies

Consultation and other engagement

Cumulative Impact

Does the proposal have a cumulative impact:

Yes

There has been consultation with food relief initiatives in the city on the most appropriate use of these additional funds via the Food Ladders Network and Food Bank Network. These proposals were developed via a collaborative process and in response to the challenges being reported to us by food projects: sustained high levels of need for food banks increasing challenges with food purchasing reduced availability of surplus food and logistical difficulties encountered when accessing this As the food works pantry model is developed and tested the experiences of customers, volunteers and partner organisations will be gathered in order to inform its ongoing development and

Impact areas:

Across a Community of Identity/Interest, Geographical Area

Initial Sign-Off

Full impact assessment required:

No

Review Date:

23/05/2023

Action Plan & Supporting Evidence

Outline of action plan:

Action plan evidence:

Changes made as a result of action plan:

Mitigation

Significant risk after mitigation measures:

Outline of impact and risks:

Review Date

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23/05/2023