



Glasgow City Council

General Purpose City Policy Committee

Report by Chief Executive

Contact: Debbie Young

Ext: 73840

Item 3(d)

13th August 2019

Tackling Food Inequality: The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP)

Purpose of Report:

To inform members of the invitation extended to Glasgow to become the 200th signatory of Milan Urban Food Policy Pact; a voluntary international framework for action on food inequality.

Recommendations:

1. The Committee is asked to consider the content of this report; and
2. Refer the report to the City Administration Committee for approval.

Ward No(s):

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Any Ordnance Survey mapping included within this Report is provided by Glasgow City Council under licence from the Ordnance Survey in order to fulfil its public function to make available Council-held public domain information. Persons viewing this mapping should contact Ordnance Survey Copyright for advice where they wish to licence Ordnance Survey mapping/map data for their own use. The OS web site can be found at <http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk> "

If accessing this Report via the Internet, please note that any mapping is for illustrative purposes only and is not true to any marked scale

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 As part of the General Purposes City Policy Commission work to tackle food poverty and inequality in the city, a Food Summit was held in the City Chambers in May. The Summit brought together a range of public, private, community and voluntary sector partners with an interest in developing a fairer food system for Glasgow.
- 1.1 The summit also provided an opportunity for learning from the approaches being taken by other international cities. Andrea Mollica, from the Mayor of Milan's International Relations Office, delivered a presentation on the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (**MUFPP**).¹
- 1.2 The MUFPP is an international protocol and framework aimed at tackling food-related issues at an urban level. It represents a global commitment from City Leaders from around the world to consider food as an effective way to enhance sustainable development of our cities and the overall well-being of citizens.
- 1.3 The Pact was originally developed in 2014 when 46 International Cities worked together, under the guidance of a team of technical experts and strategists to develop the 37 recommendations that make up the MUFPP. There are currently 199 cities across the world who have now agreed to adopt the principles of the Milan framework.
- 1.4 Cities may choose and adapt the specific actions and outcomes of the voluntary framework, according to their needs. The overall objective of the pact is to help cities and local governments to develop urban food systems that are sustainable, inclusive, resilient, safe and diverse, which will provide healthy and affordable food to all people in a human right based framework

2.0 Invitation for Glasgow to sign the voluntary MUFPP

- 2.1 Glasgow has been invited to become the 200th city to sign up to the MUFPP and therefore would become the 1st Scottish City to sign up to the framework. Glasgow would join other major international cities such as New York, Beijing, Paris, Barcelona, Moscow, Shanghai and Toronto in adopting the principles of the framework. There are currently 4 UK cities already participating and these are Birmingham, Brighton and Hove, Bristol and London.
- 2.2 Glasgow has been recognised as a city with a vision, clear ambition and commitment to work in cross-sectoral partnership to integrate food into social, economic and environmental policy. As such the aims of the MUFPP framework closely reflect the ethos of the city's existing approach to developing a 'healthy, sustainable, fair food system for all'. The partners and stakeholders involved in the development of Glasgow's Food Strategy have agreed that there are synergies between Glasgow's current and planned activities and the key points

¹ <http://www.milanurbanfoodpolicypact.org/>

within the framework. Many of the key actions and activities are already being undertaken or are already included for future plans.²

- 2.3 Stakeholders and Partners have identified that becoming a signatory could potentially promote our existing local activity and future plans to a wider global audience. It would also provide an opportunity to learn from the approaches and plans of other major cities across the world.

3.0 Key Points of the Framework

- 3.1 In terms of the process, an authorised representative of the local authority is required to sign a standard city agreement, committing on a voluntary basis to a set of key principles, including the following:
- ‘We will work to develop sustainable food systems that are inclusive, resilient, safe and diverse to provide healthy and affordable food to all people in a human rights based framework, that reduce waste and conserve biodiversity while adapting to impacts of climate change;
 - We will encourage interdepartmental and cross-sector coordination at municipal and community levels, working to integrate urban food policy considerations into social, economic and environmental policies, programmes and initiatives;
 - We will engage all sectors within the food system (including neighboring authorities, technical and academic organisations, civil society, small scale producers, and the private sector) in the formulation, implementation and assessment of all food-related policies, programmes and initiatives;
 - We will review and amend existing urban policies, plans and regulations in order to encourage the establishment of equitable, resilient and sustainable food systems;
 - We will use the Framework for Action as a starting point for to address the development of our urban food systems and will share developments with other participating cities;
 - We will encourage other cities to join our food policy actions.
- 3.2 The MUFPP is an international voluntary agreement. There is no financial contribution required and no specific additional obligation placed upon the city or local authority as a result of becoming a signatory. It is recognised by existing signatories as a pledge or informal commitment with the core message that the city authority will seek to develop ‘sustainable food systems that are inclusive, resilient, safe and diverse.
- 3.3 In the event that Glasgow should decline the invitation to become a signatory to the MUFPP there would be no specific implications to this. However we would lose the opportunity to promote our developing Food Plan and Strategy, locally and on the international stage. There is also an awards scheme which provides international recognition for exceptional achievements for cities around the

² <http://www.milanurbanfoodpolicypact.org/milan-urban-food-policy-pact-monitoring-framework/>

world. Only MUFPP signatories can apply for consideration for recognition under the current awards system.

5.0 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	No new financial implications.
<i>Legal:</i>	No new legal issues
<i>Personnel:</i>	No direct personnel implications
<i>Procurement:</i>	No relevant procurement issues

Council Strategic Plan: A Sustainable and Low Carbon City Priority 72 – Support the development of Glasgow as a sustainable food city.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

<i>Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22</i>	Not directly
<i>What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?</i>	An improved response to food inequality and poverty should benefit those groups disproportionately affected.
<i>Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.</i>	The measures proposed are intended to help tackle food inequality and therefore help address socio economic disadvantage

Sustainability Impacts:

<i>Environmental:</i>	
<i>Social, including Article 19 opportunities:</i>	Promotion of food growing and community food initiatives should strengthen social cohesion and have wider health benefits.
<i>Economic:</i>	

**Privacy and Data
Protection impacts:**

No data protection impacts

6.0 Recommendations

1. The Committee is asked to consider the content of this report; and
2. Refer the report to the City Administration Committee for approval.