

Aim of the Oxfordshire Food Strategy	Cherwell District Council proposed response
<p>Tackle Food poverty and diet related illness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand and strengthen existing services aimed at those at risk of food poverty 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support the existing Cherwell Food Network (CFN) Promote Healthy Start vouchers. Advice on cooking in a quick and energy efficient way Offer support through Move Together for residents with long term health conditions You Move; a programme aimed at families eligible for free school meals Play;Full - extend and share learning Cherwell Holiday Hubs/ Holiday Activity Funded programmes
<p>Build vibrant food communities to increase capacity and skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on local enterprises that are driven by local needs and provide local jobs 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Grants on offer of up to £750 to groups who are working on tackling food insecurity Community gardens support (Garth Park, Bridge Street and The Hill). Growing spaces support (8 new spaces across Cherwell) Start discussions with allotments about surplus foods Cooking skills classes
<p>Strengthen short, transparent local food supply chains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify appropriate infrastructure to support the local supply chain and food processing hubs as well as dynamic procurement systems. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the CFN to enable them to continue the good connections with their existing partners See how we can link groups with transport to others without to make sure food surplus is shared Consider possibilities of bulk buying with CFN groups combining resources.
<p>Improve health and sustainability in institutional catering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with OCC to improve healthy and sustainable local food principles and targets within institutional catering. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Work to embed local healthy sustainable food principles in institutional catering and through our own programmes (e.g. Children's Holiday Activities, Winter Warmers, and Play;Full) Explore the possibility of supporting through our visiting environmental health teams
<p>Grow the local food economy though local enterprises and local jobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use anchor institutions to provide employment and skills to residents in food-based work. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop connections and develop networks with partners like Warriner Farm and Muddy Feet forest school, the Wild programmes Connect to rural element of the UK shared Prosperity Fund Offer business support through Regulatory Services and Economic development teams Work through Good Food Oxfordshire to support their independent food producers locally