



Overview and Scrutiny Committee Briefing Paper

Subject: Food Insecurity Working Group update

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Background and Reason for Briefing note:

At the September Overview & Scrutiny (O&S) Committee it was agreed to establish a working group to assist officers with work relating to the current cost of living crisis, with particular focus on [food insecurity](#).

The working group consists of the following Councillors:

Rebecca Biegel
John Donaldson
Perran Moon
Dr Chuk Okeke
Bryn Williams

Councillors Phil Chapman and Sandy Dallimore, as Food Champion and O&S Chairman respectively, will also attend the meetings.

Members of the group met on 29 September, and agreed they would work with officers on production of the Cherwell action plan, focussing on three of the priorities from the [Oxfordshire Food Strategy](#):

- Tackle food poverty and diet-related ill health
- Build vibrant food communities with the capacity and skills to enjoy food together
- Grow the local food economy through local enterprises, local jobs, local wealth generation

The group will also be working with officers on promotional campaigns for healthy living schemes and promotions, such as the Healthy Start vouchers.

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