

## APPENDIX 2(b) Summary of Action Plans

	Theme and Outcome	How will it be delivered?
1	<p><b><u>Good Food Governance</u></b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>Sustainable food practices and partnership working are embedded into broader urban strategies and local governance across Belfast. Inclusive and collaborative food decision-making is encouraged and facilitated across the city.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strengthen inclusive governance frameworks and enable local food partners to develop strategic, systemic solutions to Belfast’s food challenges.</li> <li>▪ Ensure joined-up working — encompassing growing, distribution, consumption, and waste.</li> <li>▪</li> <li>▪ Protect and strengthen the Right to Food and the Right to Grow for everyone.</li> <li>▪ Promote cross-sector collaboration to ensure the integration of health, environment, economy, and social aspects into policies affecting the urban food system.</li> <li>▪ Connect urban, peri-urban, and rural areas to foster connections, drive regenerative farming practices, and support sustainable regional food flows.</li> </ul>
2	<p><b><u>Community Growing and Right to Grow</u></b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>The Right to Grow is realised through fair distribution of space and opportunities to grow fresh food, favouring areas with less green space and minoritised communities. A well-networked and coordinated growing sector that celebrates local knowledge and social innovation, maintains fruitful networks, and provides the best possible support for Belfast residents to eat well.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empower communities by expanding and coordinating infrastructure, funding, and training for community gardens, allotments, and local growing initiatives.</li> <li>▪ Work with landowners to facilitate easier access to unused or underutilised land for community food production.</li> <li>▪ Leverage existing networks, like the Community Growing Forum, to share best practice and align Belfast community resources.</li> <li>▪ Review the existing Growing Communities Strategy and develop a resourced city-wide community growing plan, supporting a Right to Grow approach.</li> </ul>
3	<p><b><u>Food Access and Justice</u></b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>Collaborative and compassionate working to ensure that everyone can access nutritious, affordable, and culturally</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work to achieve a shift from short-term emergency food provision toward systemic solutions ensuring dignified, culturally appropriate, and affordable food for all.</li> <li>▪ Centre the Right to Food in policy: advocate for incorporating it into local and regional legislation, procurement, and anti-poverty programmes.</li> </ul>

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	<p><i>appropriate food in a dignified and equitable way.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tackle diet-related health inequalities via comprehensive measures including advocating for universal free school meals.</li> <li>▪ Involve diverse stakeholders in food system governance and decision-making.</li> <li>▪ Support food literacy to enhance democratisation of the food system.</li> </ul>
4	<p><b><u>Circular Food Economy</u></b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>Belfast is celebrated as a vibrant food city where our unique culinary heritage, rooted in local and sustainable produce, nourishes our communities, empowers our workers, and delights our visitors, fostering a thriving, just, and resilient food future for all. Belfast is recognised for its low-emissions, circular food system where food is sourced from local supply chains, food waste is reduced, and resource efficiency and circularity are prioritised.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase circularity and build community wealth by sourcing food locally, fostering food co-operatives, small-scale local businesses, and ethical hospitality practices.</li> <li>▪ Reduce food waste by identifying the impact of our food and packaging waste in Belfast and identifying potential circular solutions.</li> <li>▪ Support fair wages, job security, and the role of unions in food retail, processing, and hospitality settings, particularly for young and part-time workers.</li> <li>▪ Showcase local, sustainable produce and a vibrant, authentic culinary heritage.</li> <li>▪ Measure the carbon emissions of the food system in Belfast and set a target to reach net zero.</li> <li>▪ Explore community composting models and infrastructure.</li> </ul>
5	<p><b><u>Transforming Procurement</u></b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>Key institutions in Belfast use their purchasing power to demonstrate how the food system can become more sustainable, ethical, and provide better choices for people, and for the local and wider environment and society. Small regenerative producers are well-networked and have a collective voice in promoting ‘smallness is resilience’.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Advocate for the use of public purchasing power to promote healthy diets, support local producers, and strengthen local supply chains that favour agroecological producers.</li> <li>▪ Investigate the feasibility of smaller procurement contracts so small local producers can participate in public procurement.</li> <li>▪ Investigate the model of Regional Procurement Hubs to cooperatively market small local organic producers.</li> <li>▪ Encourage anchor institutions in the city to adopt sustainable food policies.</li> </ul>

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6	<p><b><u>Nature Friendly Farming</u></b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>A re-localised agri-food system supported by people and anchor institutions in Belfast, based on short, transparent food supply chains ensuring good quality, sustainable food and fair farmgate prices in exchange for accountability and good practice.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Support the regional transition to nature-friendly farming (agroecology, regenerative agriculture) to mitigate biodiversity loss, climate change, and soil depletion.</li><li>▪ Promote the reduced use of synthetic inputs, increased crop diversity, healthy soils, and improved water management to restore habitats and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</li><li>▪ Build resilience to extreme weather events and supply chain disruptions by promoting integrated farming systems, crop rotations, and other regenerative farming practices.</li><li>▪ Increase local horticulture produced using nature-friendly farming to support healthier diets and a reduced reliance on imports.</li><li>▪ Support sustainable land-use policies and leverage funding that prioritises diverse, nature-friendly, and climate-resilient food production in the Belfast hinterland and beyond.</li><li>▪ Support sustainable nature-friendly farming as a way of connecting people and nature, offering communities opportunities to gain new skills, strengthen social ties, and build environmental awareness.</li></ul>
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