

Edible Edinburgh

A city where good food is available for all, making for healthy people, thriving communities and a sustainable environment



Edible Edinburgh: A Sustainable Food City Plan



Set up in 2013, a cross sectoral partnership to inspire and motivate everyone across Edinburgh to work together to build new approaches to food.

A belief that together we can make positive choices that are healthier and tastier, and which bring social, economic and environmental benefits to the whole community. The future of local food is in our hands.

Edible Edinburgh themes – Health and wellbeing, Land use, Environment, Buying Food, Economy, Cultural Change

Why do we need a food partnership?

To ensure that:

- Food is a priority in our city and communities;
- We value and embed the pivotal role it can play in driving positive social, economic and environmental change;
- Cross sectoral working is nurtured to achieve the vision and develop sustainable outcomes;
- We develop a joined-up approach to food-related issues and actively shape future food systems.



Key Issues

- Promoting healthy and sustainable food to the public
- Tackling food poverty, diet-related ill health and access to healthy food
- Building community food knowledge, skills, resources and projects
- Promoting a vibrant and diverse sustainable food economy
- Transforming catering and food procurement
- Reducing waste and the ecological footprint of the food system



EE Achievements

- Awarded Sustainable Food Places, Bronze accreditation in June 2019;
- Delivered a coordinated proactive food programme response to Covid-19;
- Engaged with businesses, hosting a conference and business breakfast programme, recent event with keynote talk from Scotland Food and Drink;
- Connecting and sharing expertise in the Sustainable Food Places network;
- Structured working groups and plans focused on Health, Economy and Sustainability;
- Timeline for development of a new City Food Plan to run for 10 years.



EE Outcomes

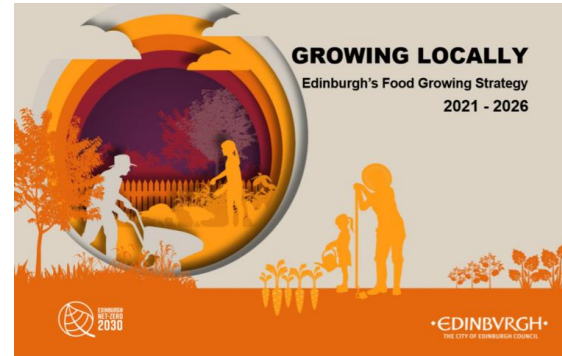
- More fresh, healthy and sustainable food eaten;
- Fewer people living in food poverty;
- Our natural environment and resources are protected and conserved with fewer emissions;
- A thriving food economy with greater diversity in local food production and distribution;
- A transformed food culture with greater awareness and skills.



Edible Edinburgh - where are we now?



Developing the framework
to consult on a new City
Food Plan to run from
2022 – 2032



Engaging in the delivery of
the Growing Strategy
2021 - 2026



Supporting the
Cultivating Communities,
Allotment Strategy
2017 -2027



[Edinburgh Food Growing and
Projects Map](#)

A new city food plan 2022 – 2032

Context



- Climate change and impacts of food higher up the agenda, how we can help Edinburgh achieve 2030 net zero emissions target;
- Growing network of sustainable food places;
- Scottish Government strategy to end the need for foodbanks, work together to reduce food inequality and poor health;
- Good Food Nation bill – duties on local authorities to develop integrated food policies.



Sustainable Food Plan 2022 – 2032 Update

Food theme areas, aligned to the Sustainable Food Places Framework

- City wide approach
- Good Food movement
- Food Equality
- Local Food Economy
- Food Procurement and Catering
- Food and the Environment



Work areas for our next City Food Plan

Food Equality	Locally produced food	Food and the environment	Food procurement and catering	Local food economy	Building a good food movement
Work in partnership to understand current levels of food insecurity in Edinburgh and develop a more coordinated response to tackling food poverty	Increase awareness and improve co-ordination of growing in Edinburgh through mapping of current food growing activity	Encourage sustainable growing practices and actions to protect Edinburgh's habitats and species	Work with the Soil Association to encourage take up of the Good Food Served Here Certification Scheme by public & private sector organisations across the city	Develop a feasibility study and business case for an indoor market and food hub	Develop a communications and engagement strategy
Improve awareness of and enhance access to healthy, fresh food in local communities	Support food growing in schools and Council housing land	Ensure food becomes a key part of the city climate conversation	Engage and align actions in this Plan with the Scotland Food & Drink Partnership's sector recovery plan	Bring partners together to explore opportunities to increase the production and provision of local, sustainably produced food	Engage with the public about good food to foster good food citizenship and a local good food movement
Tackle child food poverty through support for free school meals and delivery of the Discover! programme	Support development of Lauriston Farm and its potential for scaling up food production in the city	Reduce food waste, increase redistribution of surplus food, and reduce environmental impact from food waste.		Increase business awareness and engagement through promotion of sustainable food campaigns and Business Breakfasts	Hold 2-3 Food Network Events annually
Work in partnership to deliver food growing initiatives that improve health and well-being and promote social inclusion	Establish an online growers and community garden networks	Explore ways to engage with food businesses and restaurants to encourage reduction in food waste and adoption of circular economy principles		Increase education and skills opportunities in the sustainable food sector	

Our Challenges and key tasks



What we need to do

Support the delivery plans for [Edinburgh's Food Growing Strategy](#) and build a “good food movement”;

Look at a regional approach to sustainable food practices;

Tackle food inequality, poverty and poor health, engaging and collaborating with those most affected for sustainable food security;

Contribute to Edinburgh's green recovery from Covid-19 with business engagement that matches needs and market expectations;

Help Edinburgh achieve our 2030 net zero emissions target.

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