

# GOOD FOOD GREATER MANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### 1. Background and Purpose

Good Food Greater Manchester is a strategic cross-sector grouping with representation from across the food system (including production, processing, distribution, retail, catering, consumption, waste disposal and health promotion) with the common objective of achieving a healthier, more sustainable and resilient food system.

From obesity and diet-related ill-health, to food poverty and waste, climate change and biodiversity loss, to declining prosperity and social dislocation, food is not only at the heart of some of our greatest problems but is also a vital part of the solution.

Developing a sustainable<sup>1</sup> approach to food fits with the Greater Manchester (GM) vision for equality of opportunity and economic prosperity for all. A healthier, more sustainable and resilient food system supports a number of socio-economic, health and environmental priorities for Greater Manchester.

The Good Food Greater Manchester Partnership will:

- Demonstrate leadership and gain strategic agreement for the role sustainable food can have across GM
- Take a whole system approach to food across Greater Manchester ensuring links are made across the key issues, partners, and delivery of actions
- Develop a consistency of vision and approach with stakeholders
- Provide a central point for connections across all sector stakeholders
- Maintain links between food and wider GM priorities

The key issues that define the purpose of the Good Food for Greater Manchester Partnership can be summarised as:

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

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<sup>1</sup> Sustainable Food in Greater Manchester is currently defined as: Fresh, seasonal and minimally processed; Farmed and produced with minimum impact to the environment; Reduce foods of animal origin & maximise welfare standards; Limits wasted food and reduces waste and packaging; Resilient and economically viable producers; Excludes fish species identified as at risk; Promotes health and well-being; Incorporates food democracy and access for all. Where it does not run counter to the above considerations more locally sourced food should be prioritised.

## **2. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

As part of its core purpose, the Good Food Greater Manchester Partnership will:

- Work with cross-sector partners to ensure appropriate links are made to relevant Greater Manchester strategies, partner organisations and groups to deliver joint aspirations
- Develop, agree and drive implementation of a strategy and action plan to deliver against the six key food issues
- Identify resources and expertise for the delivery of the action plan
- Identify partner ownership of relevant activities to contribute towards the delivery of the action plan
- Support research to enable the development of relevant policy (e.g. food procurement)
- Attract funding for agreed actions and relevant projects
- Identify and support actions associated within areas of GM influence (procurement, waste)
- Provide oversight and scrutiny of the delivery of actions
- Provide an information hub for all stakeholders
- Deliver projects as appropriate as part of the agreed strategy & action plan

## **3. OPERATING PRINCIPLES**

### **3.1 Meeting frequency**

The Group will meet quarterly, with meeting dates arranged for a full financial year. Where ever practical papers will be issued five working days before meetings, and the meeting notes will be issued within two weeks of the meeting date.

### **3.2 Roles and responsibilities**

#### **Chair**

- Agree agenda and papers
- Chair meetings
- Report back to the Low Carbon Hub Board and represent the views of the Group at Low Carbon Hub Board meetings and any other strategic Greater Manchester bodies, as needed.

#### **Members**

- Regularly attend and actively contribute to meetings and meeting actions
- Ensure links are made to appropriate networks and groups across Greater Manchester
- Thoroughly review and inform the work of the Partnership
- Individually lead specific responsibilities and action plan activities

- Provide reports against priorities they are responsible for

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership would be drawn from:

- Elected politicians [councillors and/or MPs]
- Public Health
- National Health Service
- Academia
- NGOs including voluntary and community sector and social enterprises
- Food producers, suppliers, retailers, industry, logistics
- Professional bodies
- Greater Manchester Combined Authority