



Title of Paper:	One City Food Equality Strategy Action Plan
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1. Executive Summary

The [One-City-Food-Equality-Strategy-2022-2032.pdf \(bristolonecity.com\)](#) covers a ten-year period (2022-32). It explores the drivers and impacts of food inequality and, in five priority themes, presents how this can be addressed. Its three-year Action Plan sets out the most pressing actions as well as those that will lay the foundation for achieving the long-term goals. The actions are organised into the same five priorities, with suggested stakeholders who can be responsible for the delivery.

The planned launch of the Action plan is 26th June 2023 during Food Justice Fortnight.

2. Purpose of the Paper

The purpose of the paper is to update the Board on progress since the launch of the Food Equality Strategy in June 2022 and to present the Strategy Action plan for information before its launch.

3. Background, evidence base, and what needs to happen

The One City Food Equality Strategy is designed to recognise and tackle the issues of rising food inequality in Bristol. Developed out of Bristol's Going for Gold 'Sustainable Food City' campaign the strategy builds on work and research that has been carried out over the last two decades. The strategy and now the Food Equality Strategy Action Plan will work alongside other initiatives in the city that seek to tackle poverty and inequality. They will underpin the Bristol Good Food 2030 Framework, focusing on ensuring that equity is built into the changes required to make a more regenerative, sustainable, and resilient system.

In 2022-23, Bristol's Quality of Life Survey found that 1 in 12 households experienced moderate to severe food insecurity, a number that doubled to 1 in 6 in some of the city's most deprived wards.

The survey also found that certain groups are more likely to experience food insecurity and require emergency food provision compared to the Bristol average (3.2%) - disability, Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic, single parents, carers, those who identified as Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual (LGB) and people aged 16-24.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis have contributed to this increase and the corresponding demand for food support. This has put unrelenting pressure on communities, Public Health and the Voluntary, Charity and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector, meaning there has never been a more crucial time to launch this Food Equality Action Plan.

4. Community/stakeholder engagement

The Strategy and Action plan have been developed in partnership with Communities and Public Health and Feeding Bristol. Similar to the Strategy, the Food Equality Action Plan has been co-produced by a range of stakeholders, communities and individuals. This means people from various sectors and backgrounds contributed their views to create the document. Alongside key statutory organisations, the VCSE sector and grassroots groups, communities at risk of food inequality were asked what they thought needed to happen to achieve food equality and accomplish the goals of the Strategy.

5. Recommendations

All senior leaders to cascade the Strategy and Action plan to their teams so they can identify actions that are relevant to them and enable this important work to be embedded across the city.

6. City Benefits

As outlined in the Strategy the City benefits will include:

- A more equitable city for all.
- Reduce hunger and food insecurity for residents, recognising and supporting the 'right to adequate food'.
- Reduce health inequalities across the city.
- Reduce the anxiety and other mental health effects caused by food insecurity.
- Reduce the impacts on the NHS and social care system through these improved health outcomes.
- Contribute to city-wide efforts to reduce poverty in Bristol.
- Help develop a thriving and resilient local food economy.
- Build and strengthen connections and communities through food.
- Have a positive impact on our local environment and contribute to the city's commitment to becoming a carbon-neutral and climate resilient city by 2030.
- Help achieve key aims and goals the city has already committed to under the One City Plan, the Bristol City Council Corporate Strategy, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, The Local Authority Declaration on Healthy Weight, and more

7. Financial and Legal Implications

There is no budget assigned to this Action Plan, however the Household Support Fund has provided resource to support some of this work. There is an ongoing commitment to find funding that can be brought into the city to be able to progress this work.

8. Appendices

Food Equality Strategy Action Plan – final draft (Forward to be added).