

## Bristol Health and Wellbeing Board

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| Title of Paper:                  | <b>Food Equality Strategy Action Plan – Year 1 Report</b>                     |
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| Purpose:                         | Information and discussion  |

### 1. Executive Summary

It is one year on from the launch of the first [A One City Food Equality Action Plan for Bristol \(bristolonecity.com\)](https://www.bristolonecity.com) and the Year 1 report is being written which is due to be finalised in August. We would like to present an overview of the report content and give the Board the opportunity to help shape it so that it will be as effective as possible in helping to drive this work forward.

In its final form, the report will include case studies, a status update and brief progress summary on each action, local data on food (in)equality and insight from community conversations with people who have lived experience of food inequality.

### 2. Purpose of the Paper

The purpose of the paper is to highlight the continuing challenge of food inequality in the city and to share an overview of the content of the Food Equality Action Plan - Year 1 report to help shape the final version.

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

In Bristol, in 2023/24, nearly 16,600 households (8.3%) are estimated to experience moderate to severe food insecurity, and more than 8,600 (4.3%) experience severe food insecurity (JSNA 2023/24).

Hartcliffe and Withywood is the most acutely affected part of the city with 1 in 7 (14.7%) households reporting severe food insecurity and more than 1 in 5 (19.41%) reporting moderate or severe food insecurity.

Certain groups are more likely to experience food insecurity and report higher levels of moderate to severe compared to the Bristol average (8.3%) – disabled people (20.5%), Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (16.2%), single parents (29.7%), carers (12.7%), those who identified as Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual (LGB) (18.1% of LGB people and 37.7% of Trans) and people aged 16-24 (16.5%).

The Food Equality Action Plan – Year 1 report will highlight work and actions already taking place across the city to work to address food inequalities. It will include an update of projects and work which has started and is developing and will include case studies of work and more community conversations detailing progress or highlighting further work and changes needed. The report will also include recommendations for how we might address these areas in the subsequent year.

## 4. Community/stakeholder engagement

The Strategy and Action plan have been developed in partnership with Public Health and Feeding Bristol. The work has been based on a model of co-production with a range of stakeholders, communities and individuals being involved from various sectors and backgrounds, including communities at risk of food inequality.

To help produce the Year 1 report community conversations have continued to take place over the past year to determine any changes that have been happening across the City in relation to food equality. This will enable us to adapt and address new challenges that have arisen. In addition, named stakeholders in the Action Plan have been consulted on progress and feedback has been sought from organisations funded by the Household Support Fund who have been able to deliver work in line with the Food equality strategy, including food support.

## 5. Recommendations

Board members to consider the shape of the report and how its content can help engage and be shared with other city partners to embed the work and help reduce health inequalities.

## 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 and strategic work around healthy weight.

## 7. Financial and Legal Implications

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## 8. Appendices

<https://democracy.bristol.gov.uk/documents/s84017/11b%20-%20Food%20Equality%20Action%20Plan.pdf>