

**Committee Report No:** 178-2020

**Document Title:** Local Food Growing Strategy

**Document Type:** Strategy

**New/Existing:** New

**Period Covered:** 2020 - 2025

**Document Description:**

The production of a Local Food Growing Strategy is a requirement under Part 9 Allotments of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. All local authorities in Scotland have a duty to prepare such a strategy by 1st April 2020. Due to the COVID19 the adoption of the Local Food Growing Strategy has been delayed.

**Intended Outcome:**

The Local Growing Strategy has a vision of: Dundee will build on its enviable resource of community growing spaces and allotments, working with communities, local people and organisations to enable them to access 'grow your own' opportunities, whilst recognising the value of such growing spaces in reducing food insecurity.

**How will the proposal be monitored?:**

Dundee's Local Food Growing Strategy contains an action plan which will be implemented during the course of the document's lifetime.

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## **A. Equality and Diversity Impacts:**

<b>Age:</b>	Not Known
<b>Disability:</b>	Not Known
<b>Gender Reassignment:</b>	Not Known
<b>Marriage and Civil Partnership:</b>	Not Known
<b>Pregnancy and Maternity:</b>	Not Known
<b>Race/Ethnicity:</b>	Not Known
<b>Religion or Belief:</b>	Not Known
<b>Sex:</b>	Not Known
<b>Sexual Orientation:</b>	Not Known

**Equality and diversity Implications:**

Dundee's Local Food Growing Strategy seeks to provide opportunities for all to participate in growing their own. The strategy sets out existing growing opportunities such as traditional allotments, where waiting times are well within prescribed time limits (Community Empowerment Scotland Act 2015) as well as Community Growing Spaces. It also identifies potential areas for the expansion of growing areas.

**Proposed Mitigating Actions:**

The Local Food Growing Strategy encourages communities to develop growing spaces. Support is available from Dundee City Council's Community Allotment Officer.

**Is the proposal subject to a full EQIA? : No**

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**B. Fairness and Poverty Impacts:**

**Geography**

<b>Strathmartine (Ardler, St Mary's and Kirkton):</b>	Positive
<b>Lochee(Lochee/Beechwood, Charleston and Menzieshill):</b>	Positive
<b>Coldside(Hilltown, Fairmuir and Coldside):</b>	Positive
<b>Maryfield(Stobswell and City Centre):</b>	Positive
<b>North East(Whitfield, Fintry and Mill O' Mains):</b>	Positive
<b>East End(Mid Craigie, Linlathen and Douglas):</b>	Positive
<b>The Ferry:</b>	Positive
<b>West End:</b>	Positive

**Household Group**

<b>Lone Parent Families:</b>	Positive
<b>Greater Number of children and/or Young Children:</b>	Positive
<b>Pensioners - Single/Couple:</b>	Positive
<b>Single female households with children:</b>	Positive
<b>Unskilled workers or unemployed:</b>	Positive
<b>Serious and enduring mental health problems:</b>	Positive

<b>Homeless:</b>	Positive
<b>Drug and/or alcohol problems:</b>	Positive
<b>Offenders and Ex-offenders:</b>	Positive
<b>Looked after children and care leavers:</b>	Not Known
<b>Carers:</b>	Not Known

**Significant Impact**

<b>Employment:</b>	Not Known
<b>Education and Skills:</b>	Not Known
<b>Benefit Advice/Income Maximisation:</b>	Not Known
<b>Childcare:</b>	Not Known
<b>Affordability and Accessibility of services:</b>	Positive

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**Proposed Mitigating Actions:**

The Local Food Growing Strategy encourages communities to develop growing spaces. Support is available from Dundee City Council's Community Allotment Officer who has worked in partnership with colleagues, local people and organisations to set up a number of growing spaces throughout Dundee.

## **C. Environmental Impacts**

### **Climate Change**

<b>Mitigating greenhouse gases:</b>	Positive
<b>Adapting to the effects of climate change:</b>	Positive

### **Resource Use**

<b>Energy efficiency and consumption:</b>	Positive
<b>Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling waste:</b>	Positive
<b>Sustainable Procurement:</b>	Not Known

### **Transport**

<b>Accessible transport provision:</b>	Not Known
<b>Sustainable modes of transport:</b>	Not Known

### **Natural Environment**

<b>Air, land and water quality:</b>	Positive
<b>Biodiversity:</b>	Positive
<b>Open and green spaces:</b>	Positive

### **Built Environment**

<b>Built Heritage:</b>	Not Known
<b>Housing:</b>	Not Known

### **Is the proposal subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment**

It has been determined that the proposal will have no or minimal environmental effects. The reason(s) for this determination are set out in the following SEA pre-Screening Determination section.

### **Pre Screening Determination:**

The Local Food Growing Strategy action points will impact positively on urban green spaces, making them healthier, more diverse, inclusive and attractive. The environmental impact will be positive but not significant and therefore a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required. This conclusion was supported by the Scottish Government / Statutory Consultees.

### **Proposed Mitigating Actions:**

None.

## **D. Corporate Risk Impacts**

### **Corporate Risk Implications:**

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are 'business as normal' risks. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant loss. There is comfort that the risks inherent within the activity are either transferred to another party, shared equally and fairly between the Council and another party or are negligible.

### **Corporate Risk Mitigating Actions:**