

**Decisions taken by the Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency Decision Day on Friday, 24 March 2023**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

A4	Good Food Charter (DD63)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Winchester Food Partnership Good Food Charter is signed and approved by the City Council</li> <li>2. That the City Council's Good Food Charter pledge is approved as follows:  "Winchester City Council pledges that when it offers catering at events and meetings it organises, it will be on a vegetarian by default basis".</li> <li>3. That Winchester City</li> </ol>	<p>The Winchester Food Partnership has launched a Good Food Charter (see Appendix 1) and is asking local individuals, businesses and organisations to sign the charter and make a pledge.</p> <p>The Winchester Food Partnership (WFP) was formed in 2017 when a range of stakeholders came together over the shared interest in the development of sustainable food practices across Winchester District. In 2019 the Partnership became a member of the Sustainable Food Places movement and is a supporter of its Veg Cities campaign.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The option not to sign the Good Food Charter has been rejected as this prevents the opportunity of being part of a district wide campaign championed by a local partner and which helps with the council's greener faster ambition.</li> <li>2. The option to sign the Charter but not make a pledge has been rejected. The pledge demonstrates commitment and ensure that the Charter achieve the outcomes and the</li> </ol>
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		<p>Council confirm its commitment to sourcing seasonal, local and ethically produced food wherever possible, as set out in the council's guide to sustainable procurement.</p>	<p>The council's Carbon Neutrality Action Plan acknowledged that the challenge of being a carbon neutral council and district is something that needs to be met by all of us working and acting collectively. Therefore, campaigns and collaboration form an integral part of the delivery approach and the council will support campaigns and initiatives across the district that deliver carbon saving and increase sustainability such as Sustainable Food City.</p> <p>As an active member of the Winchester Food Partnership already delivering actions against a number of the Good Food Charter values, and in recognition of the need to collaborate with</p>	<p>benefits are realised.</p> <p>3. The option to select a pledge from those suggested by WFP has been rejected. The council is already acting across a number of those identified, so to have real meaning a new pledge specific the council and using the lever of procurement it has available has been proposed.</p>

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			<p>partners on campaigns if we are to be greener faster and achieve carbon neutrality, it is proposed that the council signs the Charter and makes a pledge.</p>	
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