



Subject:	Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of this report is to consider an invitation for the Council to join the Glasgow Food and Climate Pledge, which will launch at COP26 in Glasgow on 6th November. The content of the declaration is set out in Appendix 2.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the invitation for the Council to sign the Glasgow Declaration, demonstrating commitment to taking a food system approach to the climate emergency and continue working to adopt and implement sustainable integrated food policies.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Glasgow City Council has been part of a process led by Nourish Scotland and IPES-Food in partnership with Sustainable Food Places, Milan Urban Food Policy Pact, ICLEI and others, aimed at moving local governments and integrated food policies to centre stage. This process has led to the establishment of the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration and an invite has been issued to organisations and local authorities asking them to become involved. The pledge sets out high level commitments and does not require specific actions to be undertaken or resources to be committed. There are a number of workstreams within Belfast that are addressing food sustainability and food insecurity such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belfast Bronze Sustainable Food Places Award • Establishment of a Food Working Group within Belfast Climate Commission • Reporting by Visit Belfast to the Global Destination Sustainability Index • Reporting by Belfast City Council to the Carbon Disclosure Project • Belfast Resilience Strategy – Food Sustainability ambition
3.2	<p>The Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration includes 3 key commitments to accelerate climate action by building and facilitating sustainable food systems transformation:</p>
3.3	<p>Developing and implementing integrated food policies and strategies as key tools in the fight against climate change; and ensuring that these instruments adopt a food systems approach that involves actors across all parts of the food chain; include metrics to assess GHG emissions reduction targets from food systems, as well as opportunities for cooperation and best practice sharing between subnational governments;</p>
3.4	<p>Reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from urban and regional food systems in accordance with the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals, and building sustainable food systems that are able to rebuild ecosystems and deliver safe, healthy, accessible, affordable, and sustainable diets for all;</p>
3.5	<p>Calling on national governments to establish supportive and enabling policy frameworks and multi-level and multi-actor governance mechanisms, allowing coordinated decision-making on food systems. These mechanisms will support the drafting of inclusive national food policies to be included into the revisions of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).</p>
	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.6	<p>There are no financial or resource implications at present.</p>

3.7	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no direct equality or good relations/rural needs implications.
4.0	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Invitation letter from Glasgow Appendix 2: The Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration