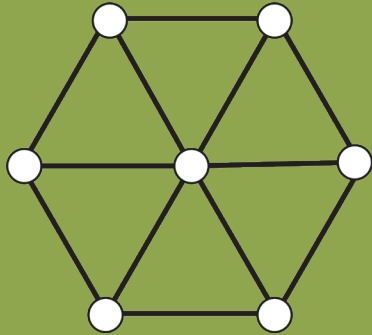


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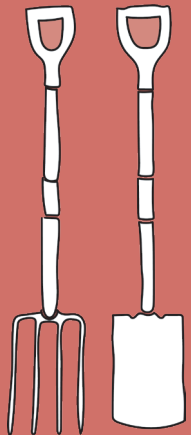
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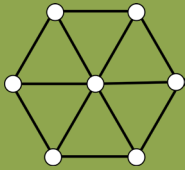


We will reintroduce the Good Food Nation Bill in the first year of the new Parliament. This will incorporate the right to food into Scots law and provide a framework for transforming our food system to meet the needs of people and planet.

We will ensure that everyone living in Scotland has reliable, affordable and equal access to a healthy sustainable diet – improving our health and helping to tackle the nature and climate emergencies.

We will promote solutions based on the principle of proportionate universalism: delivering universal services at a scale and intensity proportionate to the degree of need in particular communities.

## We will join up the dots in food policy, coordinating our efforts.



We will develop an ambitious cross-cutting national food plan, with a Cabinet sub-committee responsible for implementation across Government departments and an independent statutory food commission to monitor progress towards a resilient, kind and sustainable food system.

We will encourage local authorities to develop integrated food policies, which complement and help to deliver on the national plan. We will bring forward new evidence-based dietary guidelines which bring together health, sustainability and social benefits.

## We will ensure our food environment promotes public health and nutrition equity.



We will work with local authorities to create '20 minute neighbourhoods' where people can do their food shopping on foot or by bike, have access to land to grow some of their own food, and places to eat healthy affordable meals.

We will work with all food outlets to create healthy food environments where it is easier for everyone to eat more veg and whole grains, cut back on sugar and enjoy a diverse and balanced diet.

## We will invest in a network of community food hubs, embracing the role of food in place-making and building community vibrancy and resilience.



We will build on the power of food to bring people together, reduce isolation, enhance mental and physical health and build social capital in our diverse communities, including New Scots, people who have retired, and single parents.

We will ensure community food hubs grow our understanding and appreciation of all aspects of food, including communal growing, cooking, eating, reducing food waste and composting.

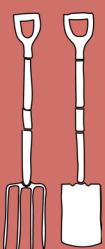
## We will use our public kitchens in schools, hospitals, prisons, and cultural institutions to set an example of a modern Scottish food culture.



We will work with local authorities and other public bodies using dynamic procurement systems to ensure that by 2025 at least 50% of our public food is either local, organic, or both, with a focus on less and better meat.

We will use the principle of community wealth building to underpin our public procurement of food, building the economic and social capital in Scotland's communities.

## We will make Scotland a food growing nation.



We will expand horticulture and urban farming in Scotland, including market gardens, allotments, community gardens and vertical farms, and ensure that everyone who wants to grow some of their food has access to land.

We will work with local authorities to implement ambitious food growing strategies, helping thousands more people grow food in their gardens and neighbourhoods.

We will remediate derelict and vacant land to make it available for food growing, and build growing spaces into new schools and housing.

## We will ensure that the right to food is considered as part of children's rights.

As part of fulfilling our duties under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, we will:



- involve children in shaping the Good Food Nation agenda;
- extend free school meals to all primary school children and work with pupils, parents and local authorities to improve provenance, quality and uptake of school meals;
- extend the Best Start scheme to help more families with children to enjoy 5 a day;
- maintain cash payments to eligible families during the school holidays;
- protect our children's lifelong health by limiting access to sugar and junk food for under 16s;
- ensure that all staff working with children have a shared commitment and the necessary knowledge and skills to support healthy sustainable diets;
- ensure that all children can undertake food studies throughout their school career, where they both learn practical skills and gain knowledge about all aspects of the food system in Scotland and globally with a perspective grounded in decoloniality, climate justice and human rights.

## We will future-proof our farming.

We will use the new package of farm support and other measures to support a transition to net zero and to restore nature.



We will encourage organic and agroecological farming and agroforestry in line with the EU Farm to Fork policy.

We will invest in growing the local food economy through collaborative low carbon supply chains, access to infrastructure for micro producers and new financial models for linking producers and consumers.

We will revive the Scottish glasshouse industry, using waste heat and renewable energy to boost production especially in remote and island communities and in urban areas.

We will invest in a green partnership between government, science and industry to develop skills and career paths in sustainable horticulture.

## We will ensure and promote safety and ethical standards for food.

We will protect Scotland's farmers, consumers and environment from the negative impact of deregulation and resist all efforts to lower food standards.



We will explore new ways to empower customers further through clearer labelling, for example on ultra-processed food, on method of production for livestock products or on fairness in the supply chain.

We will ensure fair work for everyone in the food supply chain and recognise the value of food workers as key workers in society.

## We will achieve a 33% reduction in food waste by 2025 and a 50% reduction by 2030.

We will support the Plastics Pact to ensure that by 2025 100% of food packaging is reusable, recyclable or compostable.



As part of our circular economy approach we will support the supply chain to reduce waste at source, develop new products which recycle food, and redistribute surplus food directly to consumers through secondary markets. We do not see redistributing surplus food as a solution to food insecurity.

We will invest in community-led programmes to reduce household food waste.

We will require manufacturers and retailers to report publicly on waste in their supply chains. We will build on and enhance the concept of gleaning, connecting communities to farmers directly.