**Local Authority Food Procurement**

Four Paws UK would like to learn more about the efforts that are being made in your area regarding food procurement. We would value your response and it will be of special interest to members of the public. The findings will be communicated as part of our ongoing work with our supporters in your constituency. We are also more than happy to provide advice and support if you wish to do more.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact: stephanie.noble@four-paws.org.uk  
  
Thank you.

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| Email Address: |  |
| Name: |  |
| Local Authority: | Leicester City Council |

**Section 1:**

Does your local authority have its own official food policy?

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| Yes | Yes (If yes, please email a copy to [stephanie.noble@four-paws.org.uk](mailto:stephanie.noble@four-paws.org.uk)) |
|  | No (Go to Section 2) |

Leicester’s current food plan and Food and drink charter is located here (this is being renewed and revised with consultation of partners across the city): <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/policies-plans-and-strategies/environment-and-sustainability/leicesters-food-plan/>

Does it meet or go beyond legal requirements?

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| Yes | Yes |
|  | No |
|  | I do not know |

We promote nutritional standards in early years and also schools (for School dinners, nutritional standards are defined by the government).

Is it publicly available?

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| Yes | Yes - If yes where? |
|  | No |

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Does your food policy mention animal welfare?

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|  | Yes |
| No | No |

No (this doesn’t focus specifically on animal welfare as it is more about sustainability, although our work with schools does focus on animal welfare as part of the “Food for Life Served Here” Soil Association standards, see this link: <https://www.foodforlife.org.uk/about-us/food-for-life-served-here>).

How often is the policy reviewed?

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| We are currently reviewing the Food Plan which has an ambition to increase access to healthy food in the city. |

What measures are taken to make sure the policy is enforced?

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| Leicester’s Food Plan seeks to highlight and support good practice around food, health and sustainability.  Part of the work with schools is to support and ensure compliance with the mandatory standards. Where we have engagement with schools there is support to progress through the Soil Association Food for Life Awards programme. |

Which institutions (local authority and academy schools, primary and secondary schools, hospitals, universities, other canteens, etc.) in your area follow your food policy when procuring food, either entirely or parts of it? Please provide a list of them:

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Do you encourage good livestock systems when procuring products from animal origin?

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|  | Yes |
|  | No |
| Not held | I do not know |

Espo Food contracts are used; therefore, this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

If yes, do you give priority to food produced under specific assurance schemes? If so, which one(s):

Not applicable.

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|  | Red Tractor | RSPCA | Organic | Green Public Procurement Guidelines | Government Buying Standard | Other (please specify) |
| Chicken |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pork |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beef |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Eggs |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Milk |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dairy |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Turkey |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Do you recommend providing at least 1 vegan meal per day?

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|  | Yes |
| No | No |
|  | I do not know |

Do you recommend that a certain percentage of served food for one average meal is plant based?

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|  | No |
|  | 1-20% |
|  | 21-40% |
|  | 41-60% |
|  | 61-80% |
|  | 81-100% |

Where there is current work in schools and early years the focus is on the ‘Eat Well plate’ (see also <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/the-eatwell-guide/> ) to encourage balanced nutritional intake, in particular for areas where we know there is higher deprivation.

Do all local authority schools in your area follow your food policy?

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|  | Yes |
| No | No |
|  | I don’t know |

Academies may use their own catering contractors..

How do you work with schools to make sure your policies are implemented?

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| Yes | Directly communicate your policies to them |
| Yes | By providing guidance and training |
|  | Via an advisory team |
|  | We do not work with schools to share our policies |
|  | Other |

If 'Other' is selected above, please specify:

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| City Catering are the school meals provider for the majority of the schools within the city of Leicester, including primary, senior and special schools, details of which are captured here: <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-dinners/> |

**Section 2:**

How much does your local authority spend on food in total per year? How much of this is within schools?

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| 1. Financial Year 2017 Spend for 'Catering Provisions / Food & Drink / External Catering Charges / Milk':  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **FY2017** | **Amount** | | General | £544,281 | | Schools | £2,359,464 | | Nursery | £6,649 | | Children's Centres | £6,294 | | **Grand Total** | **£2,916,688** | |

How much of this overall spend relates to animal-based products (meat, dairy, eggs, fish)?

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| 1. Details of the spend related to animal-based products (meat, dairy, eggs, fish) cannot be provided, other than the Spend that is applicable to the follow ESPO Food Contracts (Financial Year 2017 Spend):  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **FY2017 (ESPO Food Contracts Spend)** | **Amount** | | Frozen Foods | £1,283,873 | | Milk and Dairy Products | £74,667 | | Meat, Meat Products and Poultry | £14,606 | | **Grand Total** | **£1,373,147** | |

Do you work with contract catering companies or in-house caterers? Please provide names of contact caterers and how much is spent on each company per year.

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Do you have the following information regarding the food served in the institutions you are responsible for?

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|  | Yes | No |
| How much is UK produced |  |  |
| How much is local to your area |  |  |
| The farming system used (cage free, pre-stun Halal etc) |  |  |

Other (please specify):

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| The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council. |

How important do you believe it is to ensure that food procured using public money in your constituency is?

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|  | Not Important | Quite Important | Very Important | Essential | Prefer not to say |
| Animal welfare friendly |  |  |  |  |  |
| Environmentally friendly |  |  |  |  |  |
| Healthy |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ethically sourced |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost effective |  |  |  |  |  |
| Locally produced |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fair trade |  |  |  |  |  |
| Organic |  |  |  |  |  |

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Do you intend to take greater account of animal welfare in future procurement processes?

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|  | Yes |
|  | No |

If yes, to what extent?

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What is the biggest barrier preventing you from increasing animal welfare in your procurement practices?

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Would you be open to adopting or taking additional measures, if expert support from us was provided?

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|  | Yes |
|  | No |

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Do you think your constituents would be happy if they knew exactly where their food is coming from?

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Would you be willing to publicise where the food you serve comes from?

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|  | Yes |
|  | No |

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**Thank you!**

Is there any other information you would like to share with us?

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