



## Community Food Growing Task and Finish Group

### Task and Finish Group final report

**Date:** 4 July 2023

**Key decision:** No.

**Class:** Part 1

**Ward(s) affected:** All (none specific)

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### Outline and recommendations

Following consideration of a broad range of evidence and analysis, members of the Community Food Growing Task and Finish Group are asked to consider the attached report and agree recommendations for submission to Mayor and Cabinet.

### Timeline of engagement and decision-making

The subject of this Task and Finish Group was proposed by Cllr Coral Howard.

The subject and membership of the Group were agreed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee in September 2022.

The scope and key lines of enquiry for the review were agreed on 30 November 2022.

Between December 2022 and June 2023, the Group carried out a range of evidence gathering sessions (as detailed in the report).

## 1. Summary

1.1. The report attached at appendix A sets out the key findings of the Task and Finish Group.

## 2. Recommendations

2.1. The Task and Finish Group is asked to:

- Consider, comment on and agree the final report.
- Agree any recommendations to be made as part of the review.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The subject Task and Finish Group was proposed by Councillor Coral Howard and agreed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee in September 2022. The Group has received evidence from a range of sources and activities and has produced a report summarising its findings attached at appendix A.
- 3.2. Task and Finish Group members are being asked to review the final report and agree any recommendations they wish to make.

### **4. Financial implications**

- 4.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. Recommendations from the Task and Finish Group will have financial implications, and these will need to be considered in due course.

### **5. Legal implications**

- 5.1. The Council's Constitution provides at paragraph 6.11, Article 6 that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may from time to time appoint sub-committees, to be known as task and finish groups which will exist for a period of no less than 3 months, nor more than 12 months from the date of their creation. It further adds that 'Any task and finish group shall consist of 5 members and be established for the purpose of examining a particular issue in depth. The terms of reference of any task and finish group shall be agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which shall also appoint members to it.'

### **6. Equalities implications**

- 6.1. The Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 6.2. The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
  - eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
  - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
  - foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 6.3. There may be equalities implications arising from recommendations made by the Task and Finish Group and the Council will need to give due consideration to this in their response.

### **7. Climate change and environmental implications**

- 7.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. Recommendations considered by the Task and Finish Group have climate change implications and these need to be given due consideration.

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## **8. Crime and disorder implications**

- 8.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. Matters considered by the Task and Finish Group may have crime and disorder implications and these will need to be given due consideration when any recommendations are considered.

## **9. Health and wellbeing implications**

- 9.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report. Matters considered by the Task and Finish Group have health and wellbeing implications and these will need to be given due consideration when any recommendations are considered.

## **10. Report author and contact**

- 10.1. If you have any questions about this report please contact:

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Appendix A: Final report of the Community Food Growing Task and Finish Group

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