

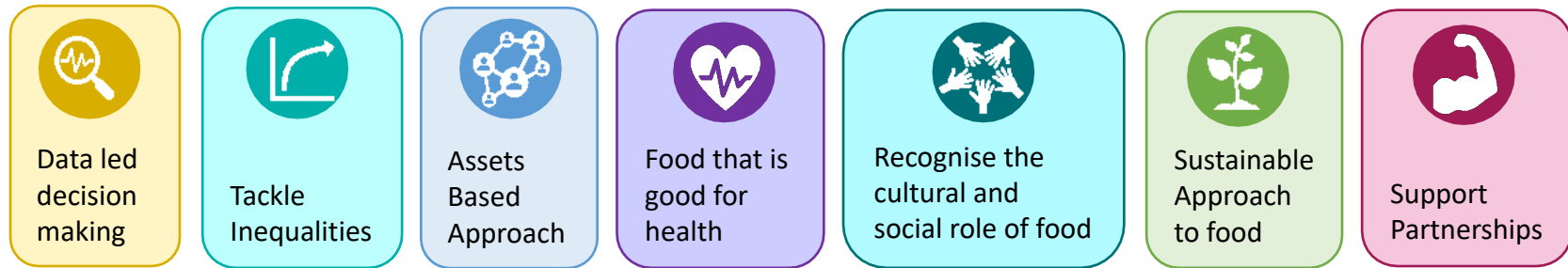
Barnet Food Plan: 2022-2027

Our Call to Action

Our vision is for everyone who lives, works and studies in Barnet to have access to affordable, healthy food. We want Barnet to be a healthy place, where the high street and food environment promote health and wellbeing and residents have access to food growing opportunities. We will continue to strengthen partnership and coordination between all actors in the food system, and leverage opportunities to decrease our carbon footprint linked to food waste and food production and consumption..

Why? Food profoundly impacts every aspect of our lives. The main challenges for our local food system are focused around three themes: **health of the population**, **health of the planet**, **food insecurity**. Coordinated action to address these challenges is needed.

How? We will harness opportunities to tackle these challenges through the formation of a food partnership to own and drive action across the system, becoming formal members of Sustainable Food Places. This work will be guided by the following principles:



Areas for Action

Healthy people

Key activities include: Deliver programmes to promote healthy eating knowledge and behaviours across the life course, Implement actions identified in the financial vulnerability action plan, Encourage uptake of healthy start vouchers, Secondary prevention of excess weight, Deliver the Barnet Holiday Activity Fund, Provide streamlined support for people accessing council services.

Key outcomes: Increase in the number of residents registered with Healthy Start Scheme, cost-of-living support mechanisms, and continued delivery of the Holiday Activity Fund



Healthy place

Key activities include: Support community food growing, Create a good food retail plan for Barnet, Take a strategic approach to food sustainability, Improve food environment through healthier high streets, Implement the Barnet advertising and sponsorship policy, Embed food policy into wider council strategy, Support BAME residents with access to healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food.

Key outcomes: Establishment of the Barnet Food Partnership and development of a local food system map, Increase in the number of businesses signed up to the Healthier High Streets programme, Increase in the number of food growing spaces.



Healthy planet

Key activities include: Review and map Council's existing procurement contracts for food across the borough and work with suppliers to promote sustainable diets, sourcing and reducing food waste, Explore opportunities to re-start food waste collection.

Key outcomes: Procurement contracts for food are reviewed and targets are set in relation to sustainable diets, sourcing and food waste.

