



# The changing landscape of Scotland's food policy and the role of food partnerships



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**SUSTAINABLE  
FOOD** places

815 million people still go to bed hungry<sup>6</sup>

Two billion adults are overweight or obese; 41 million children are overweight<sup>6</sup>

Food-related ill health is also related to low consumption of fruit, vegetables and fibre-rich foods

Increasing consumption of highly processed foods (high in fat, sugar or salt) is major cause of obesity and other non-communicable diseases



Health & nutrition



Climate change

30% of greenhouse gas emissions, with livestock and deforestation key drivers<sup>1</sup>



Antimicrobial resistance

Antibiotics use in livestock systems identified by WHO as a significant risk to human health



Animal welfare

Human rights and animal welfare issues persist in food supply chains



Sustainable & healthy food



Biodiversity

Species extinction rates are at least tens to hundreds of times higher than the past ten million years<sup>6</sup>

One million species face extinction, many within decades, unless action is taken to reduce the intensity of drivers of biodiversity loss<sup>6</sup>

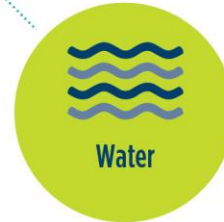


Human rights

75% of terrestrial, and 66% of marine environment severely impacted by human action<sup>6</sup>

23% of land areas have seen a reduction in productivity due to land degradation<sup>6</sup>

Demand for palm oil, soy and grazing land is a major driver of deforestation and land-use change<sup>6</sup>



Water

70% of freshwater withdrawals are for food production<sup>2</sup>



Food waste

1/3 of the food we produce is wasted or lost across the value chain<sup>8</sup>

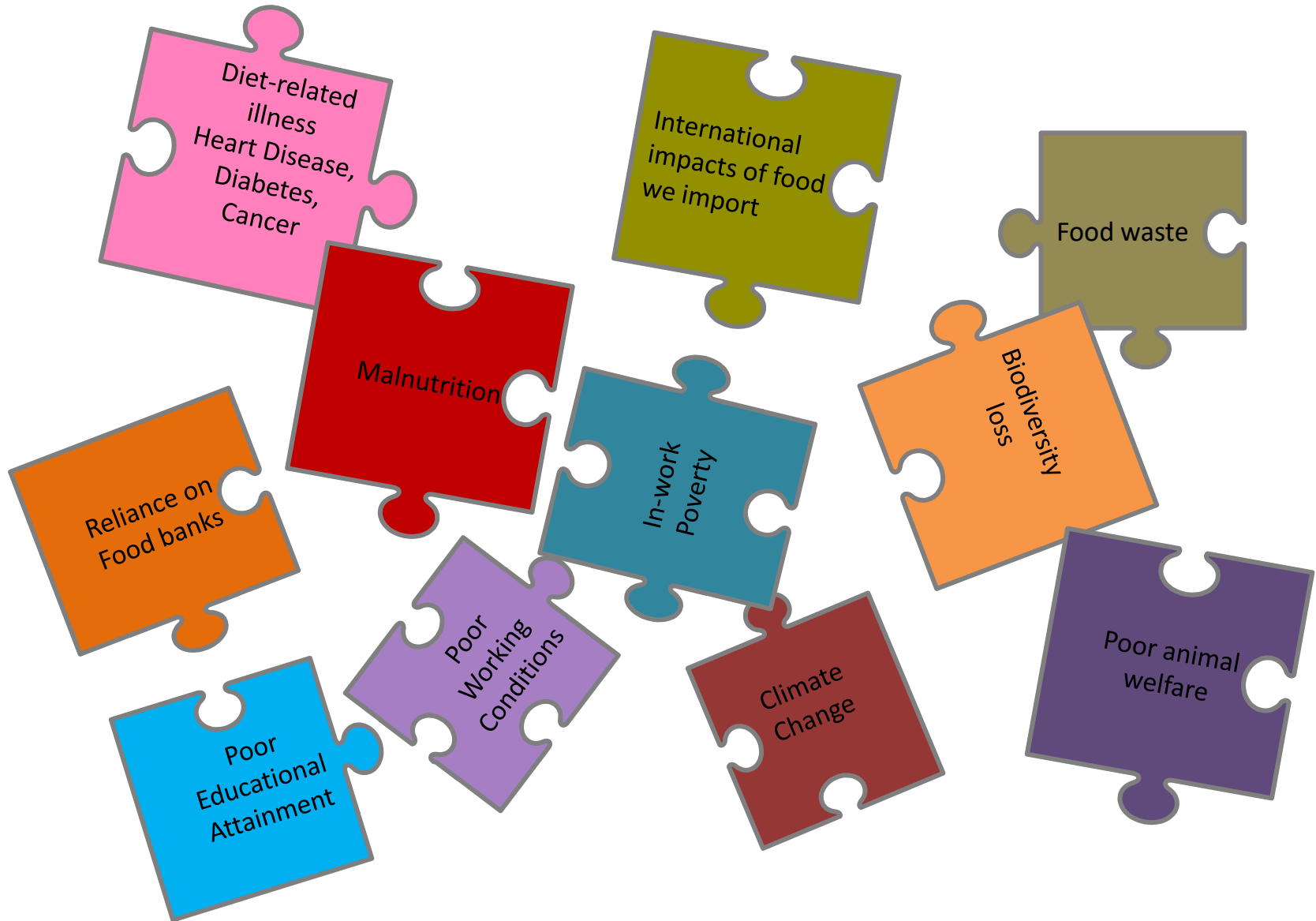
# When we fail to take a systems perspective...

Traditional approach to getting people to eat more fruit and veg – ‘5-a-day’ campaign



Cook More, Grow More

# How to solve the food system puzzle?



Good Food  
Nation Act



Healthy  
Diets

Good  
working  
conditions

Nature-  
Friendly Food  
Production &  
Distribution

Schools,  
Hospitals &  
public kitchens  
serve high  
quality food

High animal  
welfare  
standards

Circular  
economy  
to reduce  
food waste

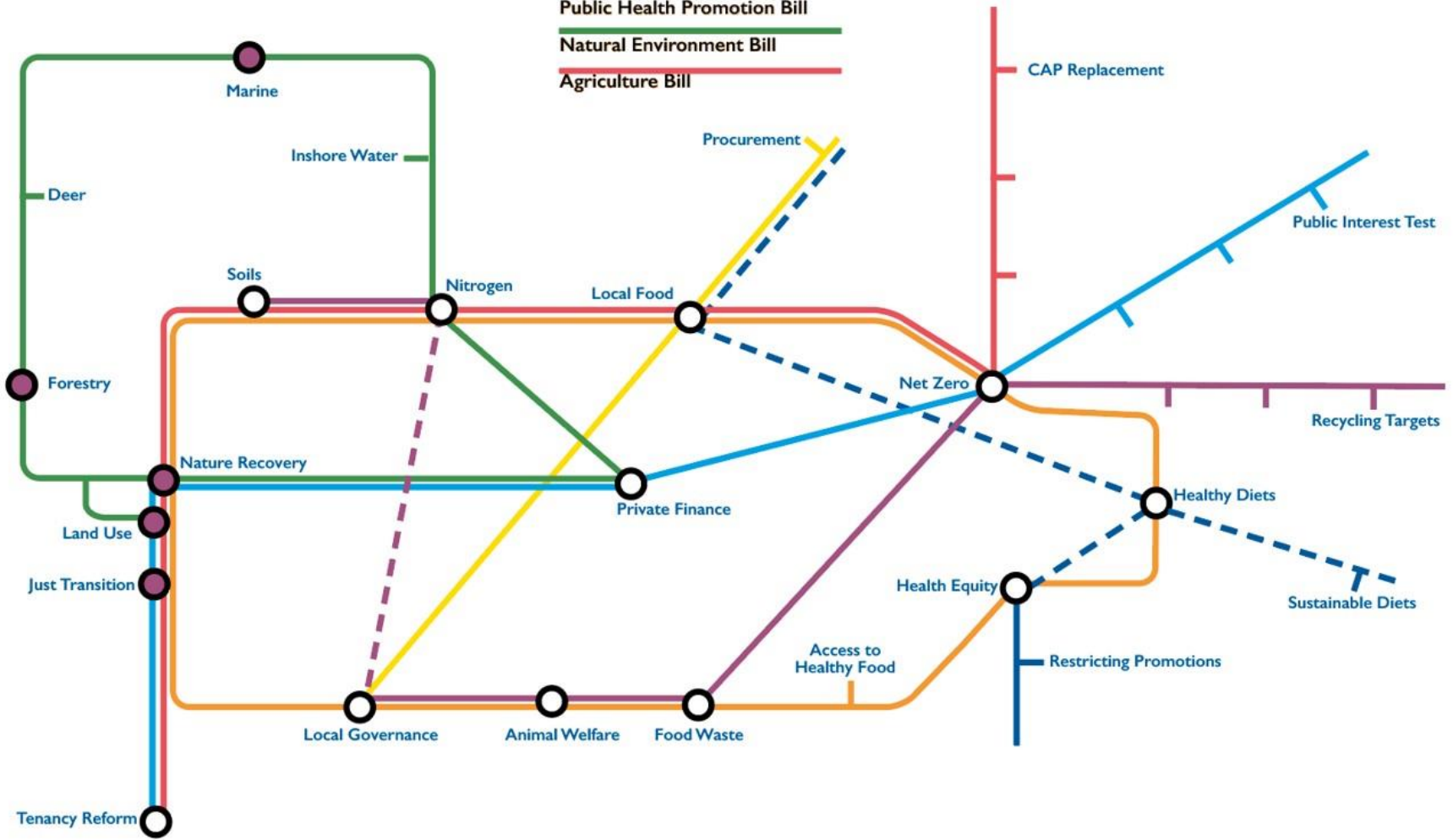
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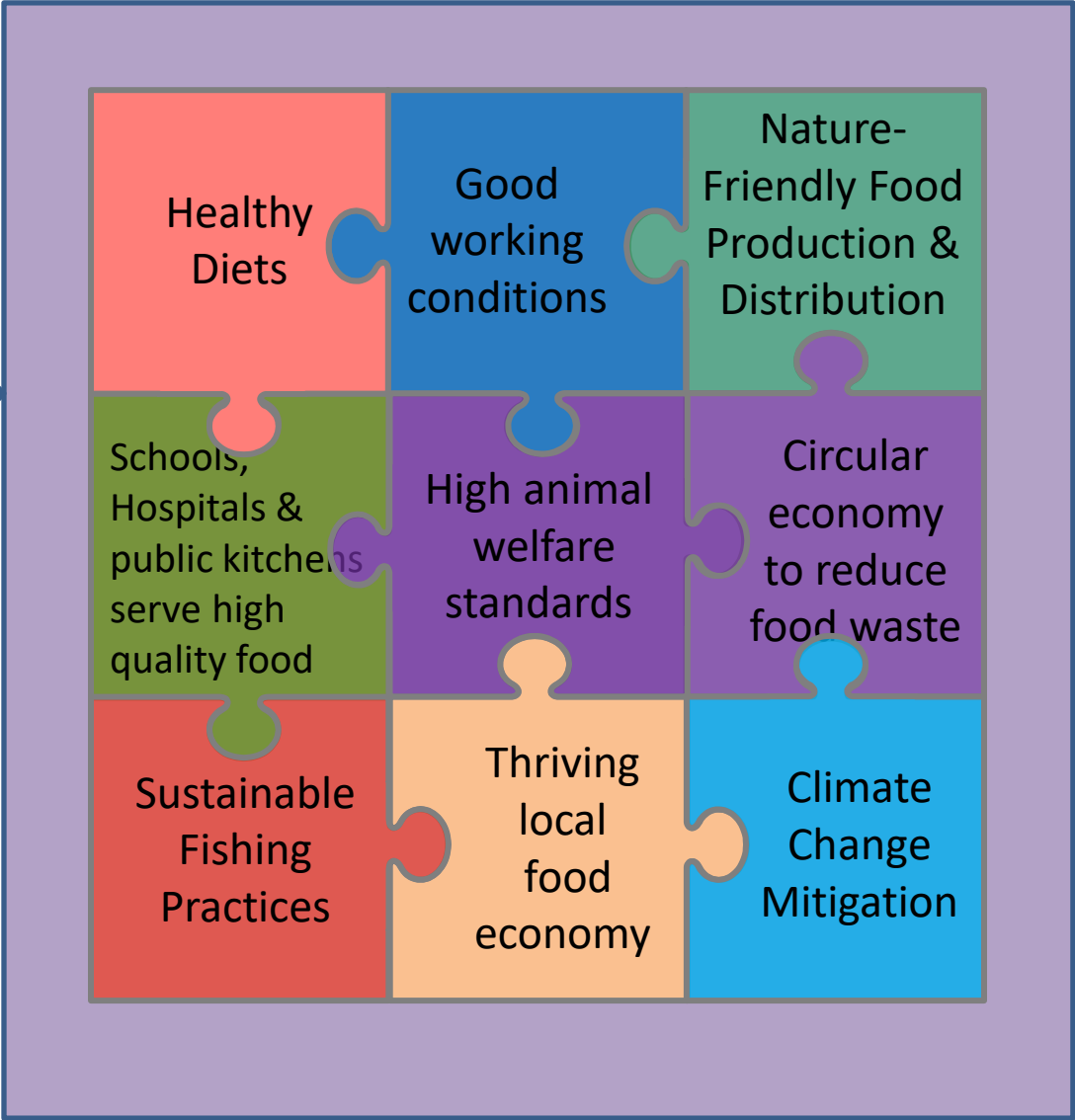
Thriving  
local  
food  
economy

Climate  
Change  
Mitigation



- Good Food Nation Act
- Land Reform Bill
- Circular Economy Bill
- Community Wealth Building Bill
- Public Health Promotion Bill
- Natural Environment Bill
- Agriculture Bill





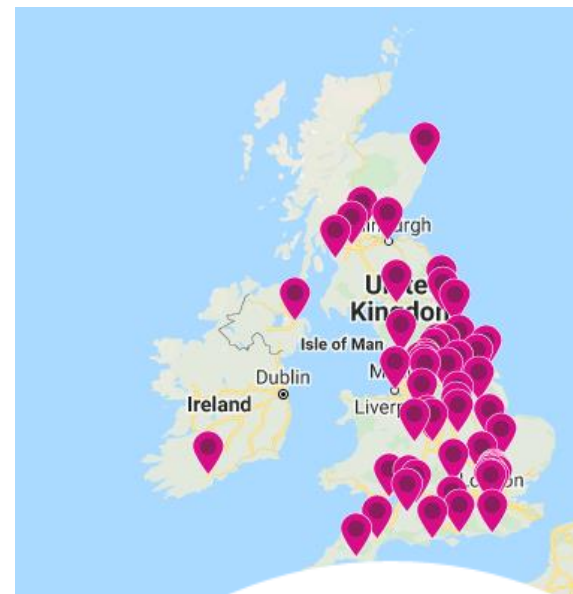
**Systems orientated**  
**Food Action Plans**  
**Inclusive public consultation**  
**Independent Food Commission**



## A systems approach to food with 6 key issues



80+ Network members





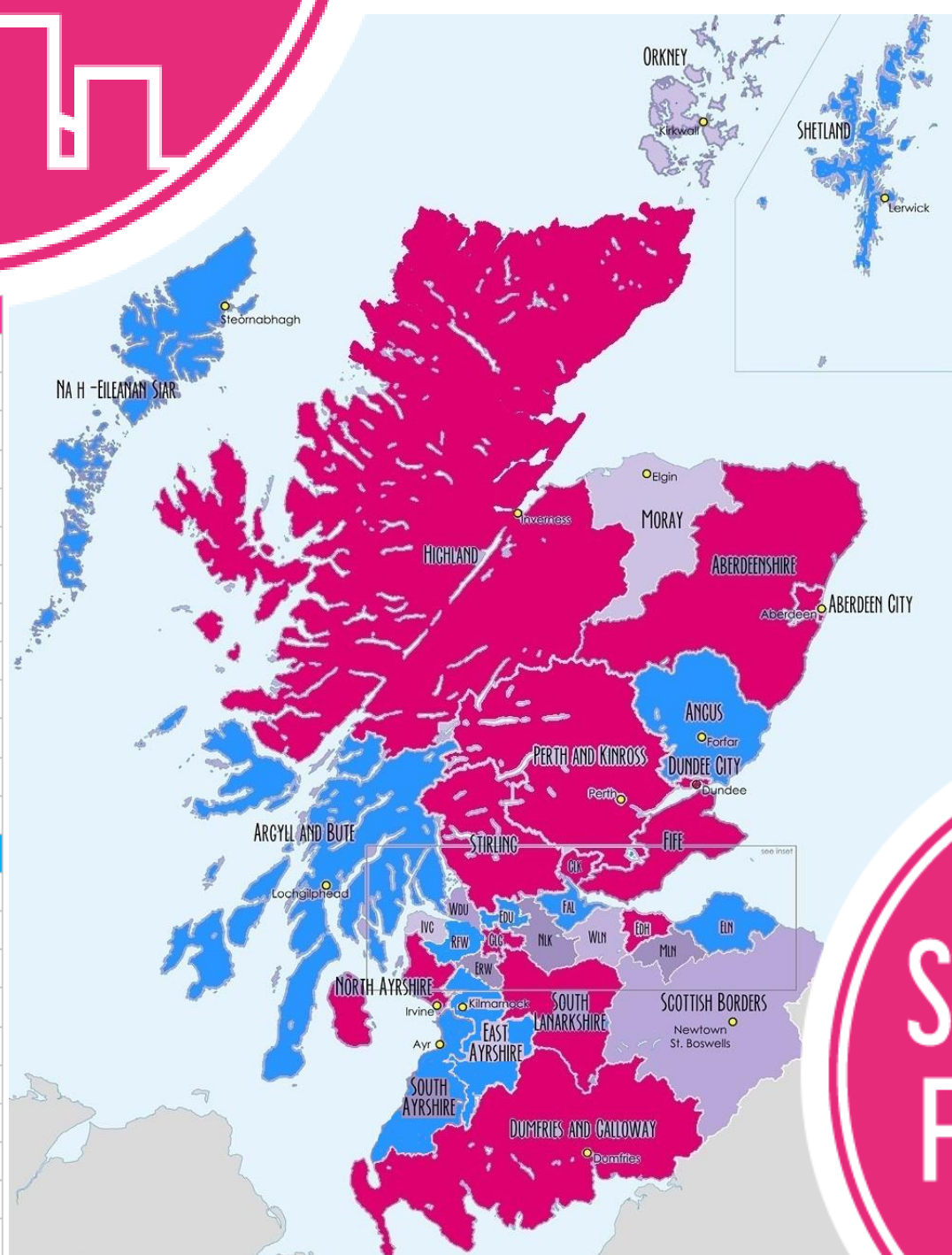


**Existing SFPs**

- Aberdeen
- Aberdeenshire
- Clackmannanshire
- Dundee
- Dumfries & Galloway
- Edinburgh
- Fife
- Glasgow
- Highland
- North Ayrshire (inc Arran)
- Perth & Kinross
- South Lanarkshire
- Stirling

**On the SFP journey**

- Angus
- Argyll & Bute
- East Ayrshire
- East Dunbartonshire
- East Lothian
- Falkirk
- Renfrewshire
- Shetland Isles
- South Ayrshire
- Western Isles



*'Making healthy and sustainable food a defining characteristic of where people live.'*

**SFP members must:**

- have active involvement and support from their Local Authority
- be a cross sector partnership and work across the whole food system

**Nourish Scotland supports the development of this network in Scotland**





ASSIST  
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT



The Scottish Government  
Riaghaltas na h-Alba



British Chambers of Commerce



SRUC



THE FOOD FOUNDATION



SCOTLAND FOOD & DRINK



Scottish Food Coalition



# SFP & the GFN Act

**KI 1 Food Governance and Strategy** - putting systems in place to foster a strategic and collaborative approach to good food governance and action.

**KI 2 Healthy Food for All** - tackling food poverty, diet related ill-health and increasing access to affordable healthy food.

**KI 3 Catering and Procurement** - transforming catering and procurement and revitalizing local and sustainable food supply chains.

**KI 4 Good Food Movement** - building public awareness, active food citizenship and a local good food movement.

**KI 5 Sustainable Food Economy** - creating a vibrant, prosperous and diverse food economy.

**KI 6 Food for the Planet** - tackling the climate and nature emergency through sustainable food and farming, and an end to food waste. This Key Issue runs at the heart of all SFP work.

The 6 Key Issues that underpin the systems approach that all SFP work to also mirror the content of Good Food Nation Plans as laid out in the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022:

| Good Food Nation Plan scope                  | KI 2 | KI 3 | KI 4 | KI 5 | KI 6 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| (a) social and economic wellbeing            |      |      |      |      |      |
| (b) the environment                          |      |      |      |      |      |
| (c) health and physical and mental wellbeing |      |      |      |      |      |
| (d) economic development                     |      |      |      |      |      |
| (e) animal welfare                           |      |      |      |      |      |
| (f) education                                |      |      |      |      |      |
| (g) child poverty                            |      |      |      |      |      |

This common set of objectives will ensure that the outcomes, targets and indicators set out in the national Good Food Nation Plan aligns with those in local food plans.



# Ingredients for a meaningful food plan

## **VISION**

where are we going? what does a better food system feel, smell, taste like?

## **THINKING TOOLS & FRAMEWORKS**

human rights, Individual Social Material, Russian dolls, etc.

## **DATA**

what's available off the shelf? what can we measure? how can we monitor?

## **COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE**

are all relevant stakeholders here and how can they best contribute?

## **IDEAS**

what levers can we push and pull? what worked well elsewhere?

## **SOCIAL CAPITAL**

how can we build connections and involve communities in the plan?







**Enjoy the rest of the event!**



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