

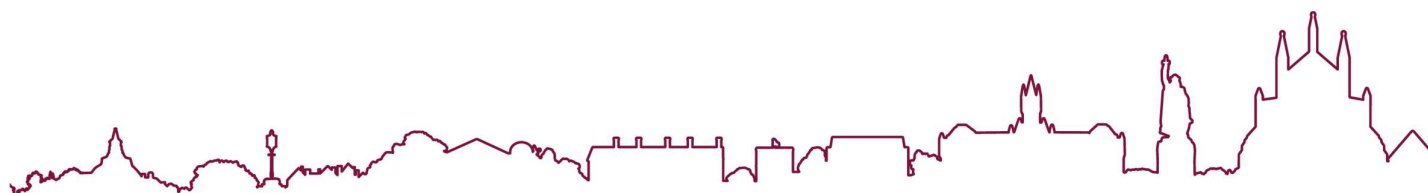
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Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information on your local authority's knowledge of and involvement with Local Food Partnerships: A local food partnership ('LFP') is a cross-sector collaboration between local authorities, third sector organizations, businesses, and academics that works to transform local food systems by improving public health, fostering community connection, building diverse local food economies, and addressing sustainability issues. Examples of local food partnerships include ['Bradford Sustainable Food Partnership'](#) and ['Food4Fife'](#).

1. Does your local authority have any involvement with a local food partnership?
 - a. If yes, what is the name of the local food partnership?
 - b. If yes, what is the nature of the involvement? E.g. does your local authority facilitate meetings, donate money or provide staff time to work on the local food partnership
 - c. If no, are you looking to establish a local food partnership or cross-sector food strategy?
2. If your LA supports an LFP financially, what was the value of the financial support provided by the local authority in each of the last three financial years:
 - a. 2022/23
 - b. 2021/22
 - c. 2020/21
3. How many members of staff are working to support your local food partnership?
Please provide:
 - a. The number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff working to support your local food partnership.
4. Do young people benefit from the activities of your local food partnership? For example, are they supported by projects run by the food partnership. 'Young people' is defined here as those under 25.
 - a. Yes/no
 - b. If yes, how many young people are involved?
 - c. What is the nature of their involvement?
5. Are young people involved in the strategic development of the food partnership, for example through consultation, co-development or engagement activities that focus on youth voices?
 - a. Yes/no
 - b. If yes, how many young people are involved?
 - c. What is the nature of their involvement?

Please contact me if you need me to clarify my request.



Response

1. Does your local authority have any involvement with a local food partnership?

a. If yes, what is the name of the local food partnership?

Winchester City Council officers are members of the Winchester Social Inclusion Partnership and has membership amongst the Food Resilience Subgroup, which is, in effect operating as a local food partnership.

The Council is also involved with the Winchester Food Partnership (WFP).

b. If yes, what is the nature of the involvement? E.g. does your local authority facilitate meetings, donate money or provide staff time to work on the local food partnership.

Winchester Social Inclusion Partnership

Tenant Partnership Manager, Charlotte Bailey, is an officer for Winchester City Council and works within the Housing Department. As part of her role to promote Social Inclusion, Charlotte has been leading the development and coordination of the Winchester Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) and sits on the Food Resilience Subgroup. As Chair of the SIP, Charlotte coordinates and chairs meetings for the SIP, disseminates minutes and undertakes any necessary stakeholder engagement and management. The SIP meets quarterly. Whilst Charlotte does not chair the Food Resilience subgroup, she does support with the development of community-based projects which promote the enablement of socially excluded people – particularly Council tenants – to improve their access to good food. The Food Resilience Subgroup meet as required, depending on the demands of their project work. This can be quarterly or more frequently. Currently the subgroup is working on a research project to improve the uptake of Health Start across the Winchester district; setting up a Gleaning network; and are supporting a nursery school with establishing a programme of activities and locally based projects which support the local community to move into a position of food resilience. These include establishing a food pantry, a growing project and cooperative buying scheme from local wholesale producers of fruit and vegetables.

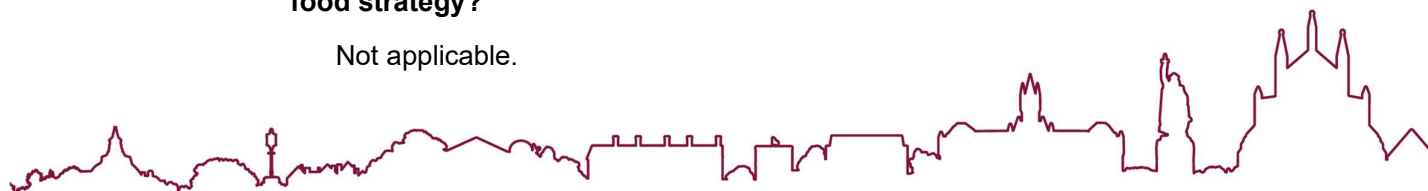
Winchester Food Partnership

WCC is a key partner of the WFP and sits on the WFP steering group. However, we have no oversight or formal responsibility for this food partnership.

In 2023, WCC signed WFP's Good Food Charter committing to only serving vegetarian food at council events and sourcing food locally and ethically, where possible. This is the link to decision details which are published on our website - [Decision - Good Food Charter \(DD63\) - Winchester City Council](#).

c. If no, are you looking to establish a local food partnership or cross-sector food strategy?

Not applicable.



2. If your LA supports an LFP financially, what was the value of the financial support provided by the local authority in each of the last three financial years:
- a. 2022/23
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Support of the Food Resilience Subgroup is offered in Officer hours rather than with funding. The arrangement is the same with the Winchester Food Partnership.

3. How many members of staff are working to support your local food partnership? Please provide:

- a. The number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff working to support your local food partnership.

Winchester Social Inclusion Partnership

1 x Full time member of staff (Tenant Partnership Manager)

1 x Part time (0.8) member of staff (Tenant Partnership Officer)

Winchester Food Partnership

The Sustainability Officer (a full-time member of staff) attends the steering group which takes place every two months for two hours.

- b. Do young people benefit from the activities of your local food partnership? For example, are they supported by projects run by the food partnership. 'Young people' is defined here as those under 25.

Yes/no

Winchester Social Inclusion Partnership

Yes. As age is a protected characteristic, the SIP Food Resilience Subgroup is intentional in creating inclusive projects that address the needs of those most at risk of social exclusion and thus people with protected characteristics, including age, are carefully considered. The Healthy Start research is intended to improve the uptake of the scheme therefore having an impact on the health and wellbeing of children from eligible families.

Winchester Food Partnership

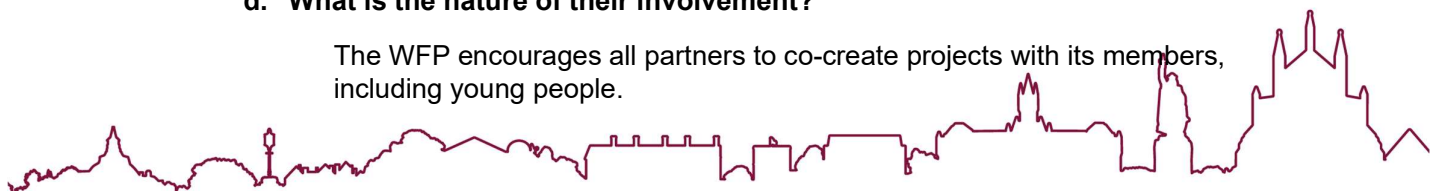
Yes. A number of the Winchester Food Partnership members do run projects that benefit young people, both directly and indirectly.

- c. If yes, how many young people are involved?

The WFP partnership does not hold numbers centrally about the number of young people involved.

- d. What is the nature of their involvement?

The WFP encourages all partners to co-create projects with its members, including young people.



4. Are young people involved in the strategic development of the food partnership, for example through consultation, co-development or engagement activities that focus on youth voices?

a. Yes/no

Winchester Social Inclusion Partnership

Currently, no, but this is planned to change. We are currently implementing a revised engagement strategy at the SIP to engage more people with lived experience of social exclusion through the project work of the Subgroups so that the projects can be coproduced by and for people with lived experience. The food resilience project at the nursery in Weeke is being co-produced with the parents of the nursery. Incorporating methods to coproduce with the children would be an idea we would be very willing to integrate.

Winchester Food Partnership

Not currently.

b. If yes, how many young people are involved?

Not applicable.

c. What is the nature of their involvement?

Not applicable.

