

15. CONSULTATION ON SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT GOOD FOOD NATION PROPOSALS FOR LEGISLATION

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy seeking approval of a response to a Scottish Government consultation on Good Food Nation Proposals for Legislation.

The Head of Social Policy explained that the *National Food and Drink Policy – Becoming a Good Food Nation* was first published back in 2014. The policy set out a new and exciting vision for Scotland to be a Good Food Nation where people from every walk of life took pride and pleasure in and benefited from, the food they produced, bought, cooked, served and ate every day. The Good Food Nation vision recognised that change was required to achieve this ambitious aim and that legislation could be one way to achieve the culture shift required to help Scotland become a Good Food Nation.

With that in mind the Scottish Government launched their consultation on 21 December 2018 seeking views on how best to achieve the outcomes in relation to the Good Food Nation ambition, including the development and implementation of legislation in this area. The overall aims of the proposed legislation was summarised in the report.

The consultation posed four questions and responses to these had been sought from Operational Services, Education Services, Procurement and Health Improvement. The draft response was attached to report at Appendix 1 and it was to be noted that the service areas consulted were generally cautious in relation to the proposed legislation. Service areas were clear that the legislation should not be confined to the public sector organisations and that if the culture change required was to be successful the legislation would need to be holistic and include all public, private and parental buy-in.

It was recommended that the Council Executive notes and considers the proposed response to the Scottish Government's consultation on Good Food Nation Proposals for Legislation and approves the proposed response and agrees to its submission to the Scottish Government.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report