


FOOD & DRINK

To reduce the environmental impacts of food production, but still meet the rising demands, more food will need to be produced using less land and emitting fewer greenhouse gases. This will mean farming practices within Dorset will need to change. And there will need to be a significant shift in the behaviour of consumers here in Dorset.

Dorset Council must work towards reducing its own carbon emissions output, food poverty and the level of waste produced, all while meeting the increasing demand for food. To do so, we must facilitate change through direct, indirect and influential initiatives.

After detailed evidence and information gathering exercises, led by the EAP and carried out by officer working groups, it has been recommended that the Council **implement the following 10 actions** in relation to Food & Drink.

Milestones have been identified for each action. This plan shows the immediate targets we will need to achieve by 2023 to keep us on track.

Find definitions for each of the symbols used in this plan in the...  [SYMBOL KEY](#)



ACTION PLAN: Food & Drink



OBJECTIVE	ACTION TYPE	CO ₂ SAVING POTENTIAL	CO-BENEFITS	COST	
Increase local, low-carbon food production in Dorset	D I P				
ACTIONS	2021-23 TARGET				
Increase range of eligible fruits on Council owned open spaces through development of community orchards scheme	D I P				2 additional orchards developed by March 2023
Reduce use of fertilizers on council land by increased use of locally produced compost	D I P				Undertake audit and revise policy as required by Dec 2021
Ensure well provisioned new allotments are provided wherever possible through the planning process and work with Towns and Parishes to enable community use	D I P				New allotment space opened in Dorset from Dec 2021
Develop plan to transition County Farms to low carbon production - Work with County Farm tenants to encourage the adoption of more climate and ecological friendly practices and greater protection of soils, and share best practice with the wider farming community	D I P				Future action beyond 2023
Work with producers, supermarkets, local businesses (restaurants and cafés) and partners to promote 'local food' Green Kitchen Standard / Food for Life and reduce food miles	D I P				Future action beyond 2023

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Promote home growing to residents as part of wider communication campaigns	D I P				Grow your own materials created & disseminated by March 2022

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Encourage more low carbon cooking and meals	D I P				
ACTIONS					2021-23 TARGET
Explore adoption for 'local food' Green Kitchen Standard/ Food for Life and reduce food miles within existing Dorset Council contracts	D I P				Future action beyond 2023
Promote the principles and benefits of low carbon healthy cooking e.g. Green Kitchen Standard/ Food for Life and EATS to residents of Dorset	D I P				Communications plan developed and content created by Dec 2023

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Ensure Food & Drink supplies are resilient to climate change	D I P				
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Work with partners to help food and drink suppliers within Dorset to be resilient and adapt to climate change	D I P				Future action beyond 2023

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Reduce the consumption of high carbon foods	D I P				
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Explore carbon reduction opportunities in the procurement of catering services and contracts (when subject to renewal)	D I P				Future action beyond 2023

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