

**Written response to:** Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

**Resolution:**

4) That the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder provide the Panel with a briefing note on the work of Healthy City and Sustainable Food Carlisle.

**Written response from:** Cllr Elizabeth Mallinson

**Response:**

Food Carlisle is an established partnership which is part of the national Sustainable Food Places network. The partnership networks and collaborates with the many organisations, communities, businesses and voluntary initiatives working on a wide range of food projects across Carlisle District to make food a more sustainable aspect of life, including growing, cooking, eating, procurement, production, waste minimisation and food inequalities.

The group achieved a Sustainable Food Places 'Bronze' Award in 2018 and have recently received grant funding to enable them to work towards a Silver Award. This will be based around the delivery of the Food Carlisle Action Plan 2019- 2022, to turn a vision for healthy and sustainable food into reality.

The City Council has been instrumental in supporting the development of the partnership and is about to recruit a grant-funded Food Carlisle Co-ordinator, to support the partnership and help drive delivery of the Food Carlisle Action Plan.

Several Healthy City partners have been involved the Carlisle Community Resilience Group and response to the Coronavirus pandemic and we are grateful for their work and support during these difficult times. As a result of this, work is ongoing to align the learning and future needs / impacts of the pandemic to the WHO Healthy City application process. A number of partners have been engaged and a mapping exercise to understand who the right people are within the changing landscape. Positive presentations have been provided to the Primary Care Network, Integrated Care Communities and GPs who are supportive of a collaborative approach moving forward. An expression of interest has been submitted.

In order to facilitate effective partnership working digital platforms are being developed to enable the work of the group to advance, support the response, application and partnership progress. A development session is currently being explored for 8<sup>th</sup> July. The focus of this will be to take stock, consider where we need to go and reconsider the priorities of our application.

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020