

Subject: Draft Food Strategy

Report to: Environment Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 14 June 2018

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Committee will scrutinise the Mayor's draft Food Strategy, putting questions to Greater London Authority (GLA) representatives and potentially external guests. The discussion will inform the Assembly's response to the Mayor's consultation on the draft strategy.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report as background to putting questions to invited guests on the Mayor's draft Food Strategy, and notes the subsequent discussion.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output arising from the discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Mayor has chosen to publish a draft Food Strategy for consultation. This is not one of the strategies the Mayor is required to produce by law, but it touches on several of his statutory responsibilities, including health inequalities, London's economy, London's environment and the Mayor's planning function. The previous Mayor also published a food strategy.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The areas covered by the draft strategy include:
- Food consumed at home;
 - Food shopping and eating out;
 - Food in public institutions and community settings;
 - Food for maternity, early years, education and health;
 - Food growing, community gardens and urban farming; and
 - Environmental aspects of food.

- 4.2 The Committee has invited guests from the relevant industry and public bodies to answer questions about the Strategy. These guests include:
- Anna Taylor OBE, Executive Director, Food Foundation;
 - Mark Ainsbury, Principal Policy Officer, Greater London Authority;
 - Claire Pritchard, Chair of the London Food Board; and
 - A representative from Sustain.
- 4.3 To scrutinise the various aspects of the draft Strategy, members of other Assembly Committees may attend, if not already members of this Committee, and ask questions.
- 4.4 Discussion at this meeting is also likely to inform the Committee's further work on the environmental impacts of food growing in London's Green Belt (which is the subject of a specific scoping paper to be considered under the work programme item on this agenda).

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in the report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There is no financial implication to the Greater London Authority arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

None.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None
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