

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING	Health and Wellbeing Board
MEETING DATE:	07/05/2026
TITLE:	Bath & North East Somerset Food Strategy (2026–2031)
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Final Draft Bath & North East Somerset Food Strategy (2026–2031)	

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 To present the final draft of the B&NES Food Strategy 2026-2031 to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- 2.1 Note the B&NES Food Strategy and the engagement that has taken place to inform its development.
- 2.2 Nominate a representative from your organisation that the Council can link with to progress system wide action on food (the third sector already has good representation).

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Strategy sets out a five-year, whole system approach to creating a healthier, fairer, greener and more thriving local food system. It has been developed through extensive engagement with residents, community groups, businesses, farmers, partners and internal Council services. It includes:

- Four overarching objectives
- Eleven priorities for system wide action

- Council commitments for the first two years, with further delivery expected through a future Local Food Partnership

3.2 The Strategy is in final draft, with provisional approval by the Sustainable Economies Steering Group prior to full sign off by Informal Cabinet (June 2026).

3.3 Design of a public facing version is planned following final sign off.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The Strategy supports delivery of existing obligations relating to public health, environmental sustainability, economic development, and equalities.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 The Strategy identifies areas where future investment may be beneficial. Any such proposals would be subject to separate business cases and approval processes.

5.2 No direct property implications have been identified.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 A full equality impact assessment has been undertaken, and extensive co-development of the final strategy has taken place. One of the four key objectives of the strategy is a "Fairer" food system within B&NES.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 One of the four overarching objectives of the strategy relates to a greener food system for B&NES, including a focus on the carbon footprint of our food, and growing methods which promote soil health, the quality of our waterways and biodiversity

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 Considerable consultation undertaken including a B&NES wide resident survey, 2 in person stakeholder workshops and specific outreach focus groups with lesser heard communities.

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**Background
papers**

[B&NES Economic Strategy 2024 to 2034](#)

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