Consultation on the national Good Food Nation Plan



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Questionnaire

Part A: Consultation on the national Good Food Nation Plan

Question 1

Does each individual Good Food Nation Outcome describe the kind of Scottish food system you would like to see?

Outcome 1: Everyone in Scotland eats well with reliable access to safe, nutritious, affordable, sustainable, and age and culturally appropriate food.			
√ Strongly agree			
☐ Mostly agree			
☐ Neither agree nor disagree			
☐ Mostly disagree			
☐ Strongly disagree			
Outcome 2: Scotland's food system is sustainable ¹ and contributes to a flourishing natural environment. It supports our net zero ambitions, and plays an important role in maintaining and improving animal welfare and in restoring and regenerating biodiversity.			
√ Strongly agree			
☐ Mostly agree			
☐ Neither agree nor disagree			
☐ Mostly disagree			
☐ Strongly disagree			
Outcome 3: Scotland's food system encourages a physically and mentally healthy population, leading to a reduction in diet-related conditions.			
☐ Strongly agree			
√ Mostly agree			
☐ Neither agree nor disagree			
☐ Mostly disagree			
☐ Strongly disagree			
Outcome 4: Our food and drink sector is prosperous, diverse, innovative, and vital to national and local economic and social wellbeing. It is key to making Scotland food secure and food resilient, and creates and sustains jobs and businesses underpinned by fair work standards.			
Changely agree			
☐ Strongly agree			
√ Mostly agree			

¹ According to the <u>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</u> a "sustainable food system is one that delivers food security and nutrition for all in such a way that the economic, social and environmental bases to generate food security and nutrition for future generation is not compromised."

☐ Neither agree nor disagree				
☐ Mostly disagree				
☐ Strongly disagree				
Outcome 5: Scotland has a thriving food culture with a population who are interested in and educated about good and sustainable food.				
☐ Strongly agree				
√ Mostly agree				
☐ Neither agree nor disagree				
☐ Mostly disagree				
☐ Strongly disagree				
Outcome 6: Scotland has a global reputation for high-quality food that we want to continue to grow. Decisions we make in Scotland contribute positively to local and global food systems transformation. We share and learn from best practice internationally.				
√ Strongly agree				
☐ Mostly agree				
☐ Neither agree nor disagree				
☐ Mostly disagree				
☐ Strongly disagree				

What, if anything, would you change about the Good Food Nation Outcomes and why?

More focus on crofting, farming and fishing, recognising the importance of the role those traditional primary industires play in food production.

Question 3 Do you think that these targets will contribute to achieving the overall Good Food Nation Outcomes?		
☐ Strongly agree		
☐ Mostly agree		
√ Neither agree nor disagree		
☐ Mostly disagree		
☐ Strongly disagree		
☐ I don't know		
Question 4 Would achieving these targets contribute to making the kind of Scottish food system you would like to see?		
☐ Strongly agree		
√ Mostly agree		
☐ Neither agree nor disagree		
☐ Mostly disagree		
☐ Strongly disagree		
☐ I don't know		
Question 5 If you have other comments on the suggested Good Food Nation targets, please		

comment:

Question 6 Do you think these indicators will be useful for measuring progress towards the Good Food Nation Outcomes?
☐ Strongly agree
☐ Mostly agree
√ Neither agree nor disagree
☐ Mostly disagree
☐ Strongly disagree
☐ I don't know
Why or why not?

What other indicators, if any, would you like to see included?

If you have other comments on the suggested Good Food Nation indicators, please comment:			
Question 9			
 Snapshot Box: As a child in a Good Food Nation I have access to healthy and nutritious food that is appropriate for my age and developmental stage Eating and enjoying a healthy diet is the norm for me I have the opportunity to participate in a variety of food-related educational experiences on a regular basis I will never experience hunger 			
Does this reflect what you think life should look like for a child in Scotland as a Good Food Nation?			
☐ Strongly agree			
√ Mostly agree			
☐ Neither agree nor disagree			
☐ Mostly disagree			
☐ Strongly disagree			

☐ Not applicable

What changes, if any, would you make?

Snapshot Box: As a parent/carer in a Good Food Nation

- I am knowledgeable about how to prepare healthy and nutritious meals for those in my care and empowered to do so
- I know where to go for support should I experience difficulties that prevent me from purchasing food or preparing hot food at home
- I am confident that childcare settings and schools are providing healthy, nutritious and culturally appropriate food and that they are educating children about the food system
- If I am pregnant I know where to go for support and can make fully informed choices on how to feed myself and my baby

Does this reflect what you would like your life to look like, as a parent/carer in a Good Food Nation?
☐ Strongly agree
√ Mostly agree
□ Neither agree nor disagree
☐ Mostly disagree
☐ Strongly disagree
□ Not applicable
What changes, if any, would you make?

Snapshot Box: As an adult in a Good Food Nation

- I can easily access food that I enjoy and that keeps me healthy and well
- I know where to go if I experience financial difficulties, and the response is fast, coordinated and meets my needs with dignity and respect
- Healthy and sustainable options are easy to find wherever I eat and buy food
- I can easily access information about the environmental, social, and nutritional impacts of my food and its provenance that helps me to make informed decisions

Does this reflect what you would like your life to look like, as an adult in a Good Food Nation?
☐ Strongly agree
☐ Mostly agree
√ Neither agree nor disagree
☐ Mostly disagree
☐ Strongly disagree
☐ Not applicable
What changes, if any, would you make?

Snapshot Box: As a public caterer in a Good Food Nation

- I procure healthy, fresh, in-season, and nutritious food to meet the needs of the people using my services
- I recognise the role that food can play in strengthening community ties. I promote and provide healthy, enjoyable, and sustainable options as the norm on my menus
- My procurement choices help to support a variety of producers
- I have reduced avoidable food waste as much as possible, and I ensure that unavoidable food waste is disposed of in a sustainable manner

oes this reflect what you would like your life to look like, as a public caterer in a Good ood Nation?	d
Strongly agree	
Mostly agree	
☐ Neither agree nor disagree	
Mostly disagree	
Strongly disagree	
Not applicable	
hat changes, if any, would you make?	

Snapshot Box: As a retailer in a Good Food Nation

- As an employer, I meet Fair Work First criteria. I ensure that all procurement contracts I enter into are fair and equitable for producers
- I create a store environment that makes healthy and nutritious options affordable and appealing for everyone. I help consumers to better understand the nutritional quality and provenance of the food I sell
- Decisions I make in store and through procurement help Scotland to achieve its net zero ambitions, for example by minimising food waste.
- I play an important role in supporting a stronger local food economy and increasing food security in Scotland

Does this reflect what you would like your life to look like, as a retailer in a Good Food Nation?
☐ Strongly agree
☐ Mostly agree
√ Neither agree nor disagree
☐ Mostly disagree
☐ Strongly disagree
☐ Not applicable
What changes, if any, would you make?

Snapshot Box: As a restaurant owner in a Good Food Nation

- I celebrate fresh, seasonal produce and integrate it into my menu. I have an active role in supporting my local food economy
- I share my passion for good food with my customers so that they become more informed about its provenance, how it's prepared and its nutritional value
- As an employer, I meet Fair Work First criteria. I create a rewarding work environment for my employees
- I am creative with my menu. This can help me to minimise food waste for the benefit of my business, people, and the environment

Does this reflect what you would like your life to look like, as a restaurant owner in a Good Food Nation?		
☐ Strongly agree		
√ Neither agree nor disagree		
☐ Mostly disagree		
☐ Strongly disagree		
□ Not applicable		
What changes, if any, would you make?		

Snapshot Box: As a farmer/crofter in a Good Food Nation

- I feel that my work is respected and that I am able to get a fair price for my produce. I
 can easily sell my produce locally should I wish to do so
- My farming and land management practices reduce my environmental impact, increase biodiversity and ensure high animal welfare standards on my farm or croft
- I benefit from a variety of support, including training and advice, to help me run a successful and sustainable farm or croft
- I help to build resilient supply chains and contribute to food security in Scotland

Does this reflect what you would like your life to look like, as a farmer/crofter in a Good Food Nation?
√[Strongly agree
☐ Neither agree nor disagree
☐ Strongly disagree
□ Not applicable

What changes, if any, would you make?

Reference to the formulation of the Agricultural Bill and how that affects Crofting Agricultural in particular. There is a risk that the replacment to the CAP could be difficult for small crofting enterprises to beneift from if the environmental pre-requisites are to cost too much to implement. There doesn't appear to be recognition that common grazings can contribute to Scottish Government targets with regard to biodiversity and carbon capture, as they relate to crofting activity on them. There needs to be a full review of the role crofting agriculture can play in delivering high quality meat products, given the climate and dominance of rough grazing those food products traditionally linked to crofting will remain the most likely produce that can contribute to the outcomes desired in the Good Food Nation Plan.

Snapshot Box: As a fisher in a Good Food Nation

- I feel that my work is respected and that I am able to get a fair price for my catch
- I support the marine environment and ecosystem with sustainable fishing practices
- I benefit from and enable a fair and safe working environment
- I seek opportunities to bring my product to a wider market in Scotland, and to promote its contribution to a healthy diet
- I can access a variety of support to help me to run a sustainable fishing business

Doe:	s this reflect what you would like your life to look like, as a fisher in a Good Food on?
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√ <u></u> I	Mostly agree
□ I	Neither agree nor disagree
	Mostly disagree
	Strongly disagree
	Not applicable

What changes, if any, would you make?

There should be ongoing and meaningful engagement with fishermens' associations across the country to ensure policy development does indeed deliver the sustainable businesses mentioned above. Comhairle nan Eilean Siar has recently made representation to Scottish Government on the return of licences from legacy EU CFP allocation, there is strong local support fair distribution of those, this would assist the sector in delivering positive outcomes that would compliment the outcomes desired in the Good Food Nation Plan.

Snapshot Box: As a food processor in a Good Food Nation

- I work with producers, wholesalers, retailers and out of home food providers to ensure resilience along the whole supply chain while meeting demand and minimising waste
- I make my products healthier and more sustainable, using fresh, seasonal ingredients where possible, and can access support to do this.
- I invest in and develop my workforce, ensuring they can enjoy opportunities to enhance their skills whilst benefiting from a safe working environment
- I contribute to the important role that the food and drink sector has in Scotland's economy

Food Nation?
☐ Strongly agree
√ Mostly agree
☐ Neither agree nor disagree
☐ Mostly disagree
☐ Strongly disagree
☐ Not applicable
What changes, if any, would you make?

Question 18

If you have any further comments on the national Good Food Nation Plan, please comment here.

From the workshop events that took place in the Outer Hebrides there was some additional suggestions:

- There should be a separation between large food and drink businesses and smaller food producers, it is not thought helpful that they are grouped together under one food and drink banner.
- Too much regulation already on small food businesses.

- In the island context there should be more focus on becoming more self-sufficient.
- There is very little detail on how some of the objectives can be met, there needs to be a clear action plan developed, with resources to achieve desired outcomes.

Part B: Consultation on specified functions for the national Good Food Nation Plan

Question 19

Please let us know if we have missed any function falling within a specified description or relevant specified functions in the list.

Question 20

Why do you think this specified function/function falling within a specified description should be added?