

## Fair Food Renfrewshire – Vision, Priorities and Charter

### **Our Food Vision for Renfrewshire:**

- Creating a Renfrewshire-wide food strategy by collaborating across all parts of the food system, engaging with stakeholders, and driving positive change through leadership.
- Using Renfrewshire's public procurement for community wealth building, we will encourage local food to be sold within public buildings, setting an example for other organisations to buy local.
- Working to reduce then eradicate food poverty by promoting a collaborative approach across all communities, ensuring a dignified and fair access to healthy and affordable food for all.
- Increasing access to growing spaces, food skills, nutritional advice and education which will empower all citizens within Renfrewshire's food community, through effective communication.
- Growing and producing food in Renfrewshire that is environmentally friendly; reducing food miles, reducing waste, redistributing excess, and supporting soil health, biodiversity, and animal welfare.
- Supporting local food producers and suppliers to create a sustainable food economy and culture that supports living wages, that's local, high quality, and innovative with good career prospects.

### **Our 4 key priorities**

- Ending food insecurity and the need for foodbanks.
- Increased access and availability of growing grounds in every town and village within Renfrewshire.
- Widen access and availability to educational opportunities regarding nutrition and cooking skills, and wider use of 'home economics' type classes within education, health, and community settings.
- Encourage individuals and business to buy local food, and also encourage organisations to place more emphasis on the better value of using local food suppliers within a procurement policy context.

### **Our Food Charter for Renfrewshire:**

Food plays an essential role in improving individual and community health and wellbeing; as well as dealing with some of Renfrewshire's high priority social, economic, and environmental issues.

From diet-related ill-health to food poverty and waste, climate change and biodiversity, food is not only at the centre of some of the greatest problems, but also a vital part of the solution.

Sign up to this Charter today and help us make Renfrewshire, an area where:

- Public organisations, third sector organisations, businesses and individuals work together to develop strategies which support communities, eradicate food insecurity, understand local trends of dietary/health needs, and promote local food for local people.
- Catering and food procurement is transformed by promoting the supply of healthy, seasonal, and locally ethically produced food from sustainable local food businesses and improving access into procurement frameworks.
- Everyone has access to fresh, healthy, affordable, fair, and culturally appropriate food.
- Food is used to bring communities together, by providing more opportunities to grow and cook good food and promoting a positive food culture and food education across our communities by sharing food skills and knowledge.
- The local food economy is sustainable and thrives.
- Our food is produced and disposed of in a responsible way that nourishes people and the environment.