

# Hull PARTNERSHIP

*Growing a healthy and resilient food culture*

# Developing and action plan for the Hull Food Partnership

## Steps taken:

- Widen the partnership.
- Identify the key issues.
- Develop a food charter based around the issues.
- Further discussion around the key areas.
- Formation of sub-groups.
- Development of action plan.

# Widening the partnership

- Started with a steering group with a small number of partners. Not representative of everyone working with food in the city.
- Map and identify organisations/ businesses working on the food agenda.
- Running a launch event for the Sustainable Food Cities work.
- Launch event to identify local issues, facilitated by Ben Messer from Food Matters.
- This work formed the initial outline of the food charter and action plan.

# Next steps

- Running a series of focus groups to further explore the key issues and start action planning.
- Development of subgroups working on developing certain action planning areas.
- Use of google docs and emailing out draft action plans as consultation.

# Successes

- Developing a plan with a participatory approach leading to increased ownership of the plan by the partners involved.
- Passion and energy in certain areas to drive action forward e.g. community food skills and knowledge.
- Action planning leading to partnership working and the ability to draw down new resources for delivery of the action plan e.g. Food Power, Funding for enterprises.

# Challenges

- Participatory approach can be time consuming.
- Managing organisational politics/ developing trust.
- Developing action plans for areas with less representation e.g. business/ procurement is more difficult without further work.
- Time restraints of smaller organisations.
- Lack of resources/ funds to back up action plan.
- Support from Local Authority around the action plan is slowed due to council processes, elections etc.