

Agenda Item	8
Report No	RDB/10/26

The Highland Council

Committee: Redesign Board

Date: 27 August 2026

Report Title: Good Food Nation Plan

Report By: Assistant Chief Executive – Corporate

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 Following the introduction of the Good Food Nation Plan to Redesign Board on 19th March, Members requested that updates on progress be presented to the Board at regular intervals.

1.2 This report provides an update on actions that have taken place since 4^h June in relation to National and local Good Food Nation Plans.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Board is invited to:

- i. Note the progress to date.

3. Implications

3.1 **Resource:** There are no resource implications arising as a direct consequence of this report.

3.2 **Legal:** There are no legal implications arising as a direct consequence of this report.

3.3 **Risk:** There are no risks arising as a direct result of this report. Project/Programme risks are identified via the council risk management process and monitored through the Portfolio Boards and are reported by exception only.

3.4 **Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people):** There are no immediate health and safety implications arising from this report.

3.5 **Gaelic:** There are no implications arising as a direct result of this report.

4. Impacts

- 4.1 In Highland, all policies, strategies or service changes are subject to an integrated screening for impact for Equalities, Poverty and Human Rights, Children's Rights and Wellbeing, Climate Change, Islands and Mainland Rural Communities, and Data Protection. Where identified as required, a full impact assessment will be undertaken.
- 4.2 Considering impacts is a core part of the decision-making process and needs to inform the decision-making process. When taking any decision, Members must give due regard to the findings of any assessment.
- 4.3 This is an update report and therefore an impact assessment is not required. When further action plans are developed these will be assessed for impacts accordingly.

5. Good Food Nation Plan

- 5.1 Highland Council officer working group met on 27 May 2026 at which 15 services were represented. Positive input from all services around the issues that may arise in our Good Food Nation Plan. Officers across services are currently working on input to the draft plan which will be presented at the next officer working group in September 2026.
- 5.2 Following September working group meeting an outline Good Food Nation Plan will be drafted which will be available for member discussion and input at November Redesign Board.
- 5.3 Ongoing discussions have taken place with NHS Highland who are required to produce their own Good Food Nation Plan under Scottish Government legislation. NHSH are concluding an initial consultation process during summer 2026 and results will be shared with THC.

6. Next Steps

- 6.1 Progress work on an outline draft Good Food Nation Plan involving input from multiple service areas.
- 6.2 Present draft outline Plan for discussion at Redesign Board 19 November 2026.

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