

West Midlands Food Declaration

The Objectives of this declaration are:

1. To support the further development of sustainable food production and supply chains across the region via the increased use of local food supply sources and local produce.
2. To promote local food supplies wherever practical to strengthen the supply of food meeting the requirements of quality, health and value for money sought by the regions' public sector bodies.

By signing this Declaration our council commits to:

1. Facilitate opportunities for local food suppliers, through capacity-building and local supply chain development, to create a level playing field on which they can bid, through contract-packaging, requirements to sub-contract to SMEs and other mechanisms compatible with the EU Procurement Directives.
2. Working collaboratively to procure food with other public bodies across the region via regional, sub regional or local area collaborative contracting and approaches.
3. Seeking to standardise and align food procurement processes with other public sector partners wherever practical whilst maintaining flexibility to avoid discrimination against small-scale suppliers.
4. Develop and implement a sustainable food procurement policy encompassing whole life costing, Fair Trade products or initiatives, plans for reductions in food waste and CO₂ reduction activities.
5. Actively work where possible with partner organisations to support the authority in improving its engagement with local producers.

Authorisation:

I agree with the above declaration and commit _____ Council to now working in accordance with these requirements.
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____