

The Scottish Government 2017 Pledge

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On Food Waste

The Scottish Government has introduced a target to reduce all food waste from all sectors in Scotland by 33% by 2025 (against a 2013 baseline of 1.35m tonnes), which will put us on target to achieve the UN Sustainability Goal of a 50% reduction by 2030. We will be consulting on a range of innovative measures to achieve this target in due course. This work will take into account other Scottish Government priorities like encouraging healthy eating and tackling food inequality.

This aligns with points 1,3 and 6 on the commitments framework

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On Retailing

Through the Scottish Grocers Federation Healthy Living Programme (HLP) we fund support for convenience stores to adopt a mix of measures to increase the retail of vegetables, particularly in deprived areas. The Scottish Government has an 11-year track record of support for the HLP, a programme that is now in over 2,000 stores across Scotland and we remain committed as part of our work to build a Good Food Nation. We will use the HLP and the SGF's retail expertise to develop new ways to increase vegetable purchases and consumption (such as the Big Breakfast community events).

This aligns with point 1 on the commitments framework

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On Catering

We remain committed to encouraging out of home food providers to promote healthier food options (including vegetables) to consumers through the Healthy Living Award (HLA). The HLA currently operates in 827 outlets, serving just under 200,000 customers every day. The Scottish Government's Diet and Obesity Strategy (due in 2018) will consider further action in the Out of Home sector to improve the uptake of healthier food options and we will be looking for the public sector to be an exemplar in this area.

This aligns with point 3 on the commitments framework

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On Community Growing Initiatives

Through Part 9 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 we hope to see more access to allotments and other food growing initiatives, not just in our towns and cities but throughout Scotland. We have also made a commitment in our Programme for Government to increase the area available for community growing across Scotland because it is a key aspect of becoming a Good Food Nation, contributing to our health and environment.

This aligns with point 6 on the commitments framework

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On School Food

All local authorities are under a statutory duty to meet the standards set out in the Nutritional Requirements for food and drink in schools (Scotland) Regulations 2008 which are based on the Eatwell Guide and set high nutritional standards that all food and drink served in schools must meet.

Since their introduction in 2008 (primary) and 2009 (secondary), compliance with the school food Regulations have been monitored by Education Scotland Health and Nutrition Inspectors alongside the duties set out in the Schools (health promotion and nutrition) (Scotland) Act 2007.

In November last year, at the request of the Deputy First Minister, a technical working group was set up (including Food Standards Scotland, Education Scotland and NHS Health Scotland) to review the school food Regulations to consider how they can be moved closer to the updated Scottish Dietary Goals. The review will also take account of Scottish Government manifesto commitment to 'make sure all primary school children have access to at least 5 of their '5 a day'. The working group is due to report to the Deputy First Minister at the end of this year after which time stakeholder engagement and consultation will begin.

This aligns with point 8 on the commitments framework

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On Local Sourcing in Schools

Non-regulatory work is being carried out through the Soil Association's Food for Life programme, including the new commitment set out in the Programme for Government to extend and expand the programme with more than £1m extra funding over the next three years. The programme will increase the amount of locally-sourced and produced food in Scotland's schools.

This aligns with point 8 on the commitments framework

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On Early Years

The Scottish Government continues to implement its 10 year Maternal and Infant Nutrition Framework (2011). Within this there is a commitment to improve the nutrition including increasing the fruit and vegetable intake of pregnant women and children. We are currently reviewing our NHS Health Scotland “Setting the table” guidance to ensure that early years care providers have the skills and knowledge to implement good practice and to engage and support families with healthy food choices.

This aligns with point 8 on the commitments framework

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On Healthy Start

Devolution of powers to deliver the Healthy Start voucher scheme provides us with an opportunity to shape the scheme to meet the needs of people in Scotland. This includes ensuring we are helping those most in need, and supporting families to access affordable nutritious food (of which vegetables are an important component), to deliver better outcomes. As we consider what a Scottish scheme will look like some of our aims include increasing awareness and uptake, reducing bureaucracy and improving delivery. We are also exploring how to best widen the number of retailers who participate in the scheme.

This aligns with point 10 on the commitments framework

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On Growing the Vegetable Sector

A new Fruit, Veg & Potato Industry Leadership Group is developing the first Sector Action Plan to capitalise on market opportunities, and grow the sector whilst also trying to drive increased consumption of healthy Scottish produce. This work complements Scotland’s new food and drink industry strategy, Ambition 2030, which aims to double the turnover of the industry to £30 billion by 2030. This new group, which for the first time brings together all key representatives across the sector, will identify the specific actions needed to overcome any barriers to growth, develop new market opportunities, and address issues facing the sector, including the implications of Brexit and access to labour.

This aligns with point 11 on the commitments framework