

## Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)

### Part 1 Scoping

#### 1 Details of the Proposal

<b>Title of Proposal:</b>	Food Growing Strategy Consultation Draft
<b>What is it?</b>	A new Policy/Strategy/Practice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A revised Policy/Strategy/Practice <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Description of the proposal:</b> (Set out a clear understanding of the purpose of the proposal being developed or reviewed (what are the aims, objectives and intended outcomes, including the context within which it will operate).	This assessment considers a report that seeks approval for consultation on the Scottish Borders Food Growing Strategy. This Strategy is a requirement of the Community Empowerment Act Scotland 2015, The Food Growing Strategy supports the Locality Plans for the region and is itself supported with the proposed creation of new policy EP17 in the Local Development Plan. The aim of this Strategy is to support and facilitate anyone who wants to get growing, through existing growing opportunities and new approaches to growing. The key objectives of the Food Growing Strategy are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– To provide a central resource for community growing information</li> <li>– To raise awareness around community growing in the Scottish Borders</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To show you how to get growing: where, how and who can help you/your community group</li> <li>- To help you get your community growing project off the ground</li> <li>- To help identify potential allotment sites and growing spaces</li> </ul> <p>Those with a current or potential interest in food growing in their community can get the information or resources they need via the Strategy. The Strategy covers any and all types of community food growing across the whole of the Borders and is open to all who wish to get involved as a 'self help' portal for empowering people.</p>
<p><b>Service Area:</b> <b>Department:</b></p>	<p>Parks &amp; Environment Asset &amp; Infrastructure</p>
<p><b>Lead Officer:</b> (Name and job title)</p>	<p>Carol Cooke Urban Designer</p>
<p><b>Other Officers/Partners involved:</b> (List names, job titles and organisations)</p>	<p>Jason Hedley, Interim Chief Roads Officer Craig Blackie, Interim Parks &amp; Environment Manager</p>
<p><b>Date(s) IIA completed:</b></p>	<p>18<sup>th</sup> August 2020</p>

**2 Will there be any cumulative impacts as a result of the relationship between this proposal and other policies?**

<p><b>Yes / No</b></p> <p>Yes</p>
<p><b>If yes, - please state here:</b></p> <p>Better safeguarding for food growing sites through Planning Policy EP 17 that has been developed in conjunction with this new Strategy.</p>

**3 Legislative Requirements**

<b>3.1 Relevance to the Equality Duty:</b>	
<b>Do you believe your proposal has any relevance under the Equality Act 2010?</b>	
<b>Equality Duty</b>	<b>Reasoning:</b>
<b>Elimination of discrimination (both direct &amp; indirect), victimisation and harassment.</b>	No
<b>Promotion of equality of opportunity?</b>	Yes – supporting and facilitating community groups developing opportunities for local food growing
<b>Foster good relations?</b>	Yes – supporting and facilitating community groups positively

**3.2 Which groups of people do you think will be or potentially could be, impacted by the implementation of this proposal?**

Please tick below as appropriate, outlining any potential impacts on the undernoted equality groups this proposal may have and how you know this.

	Impact			Please explain the potential impacts and how you know this
	No Impact	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	
<b>Age</b> Older or younger people or a specific age grouping		X		Health and wellbeing benefits will be offered for all people of local food growing opportunities
<b>Disability</b> e.g. Effects on people with mental, physical, sensory impairment, learning disability, visible/invisible, progressive or recurring		X		Community growing will offer equal access for all to outdoor learning and food growing through: the Council's Wilton Lodge walled garden project, facilitating community growing projects in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> sector, and enabling accessible allotment space where needed.
<p><b>Gender Reassignment Trans/Transgender Identity</b> anybody whose gender identity or gender expression is different to the sex assigned to them at birth</p> <p><b>Marriage or Civil Partnership</b> people who are married or in a civil partnership</p> <p><b>Pregnancy and Maternity</b> (refers to the period after the birth, and is linked to <b>maternity</b> leave in the employment context. In the non-work context, <b>protection</b> against <b>maternity</b> discrimination is for 26 weeks after giving birth)</p> <p><b>Race Groups:</b> including colour, nationality, ethnic origins, including minorities (e.g. gypsy travellers, refugees, migrants and asylum seekers)</p>	X			

<p><b>Religion or Belief:</b> different beliefs, customs (including atheists and those with no aligned belief)</p> <p><b>Sex – Gender Identity</b> women and men (girls and boys) and those who self-identify their gender</p> <p><b>Sexual Orientation</b>, e.g. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Heterosexual</p>				
<p><b>3.3 Fairer Scotland Duty</b></p> <p>This duty places a legal responsibility on Scottish Borders Council (SBC) to actively consider (give due regard) to how we can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socioeconomic disadvantage when making <u>strategic</u> decisions.</p> <p>The duty is set at a strategic level - these are the key, high level decisions that SBC will take. This would normally include strategy documents, decisions about setting priorities, allocating resources and commissioning services.</p>				
<p><b>Is the proposal strategic?</b></p> <p>Yes /</p> <p><b>If No go to Section 4</b></p>				
<p><b>If yes, please indicate any potential impact on the undernoted groups this proposal may have and how you know this:</b></p>				
	<p><b>Impact</b></p>			<p><b>State here how you know this</b></p>
	<p><b>No Impact</b></p>	<p><b>Positive Impact</b></p>	<p><b>Negative Impact</b></p>	
<p><b>Low and/or No Wealth</b> – enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future.</p>		<p>X</p>		<p>The Food Growing Strategy actively supports enhanced access to low-zero cost local food sources through opening up opportunities for local food production.</p>

<p><b>Material Deprivation</b> – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure and hobbies</p>		X		<p>The Food Growing Strategy actively supports provision of exercise and leisure opportunities through supporting food growing initiatives in communities.</p>
<p><b>Area Deprivation</b> – where you live (e.g. rural areas), where you work (e.g. accessibility of transport)</p> <p><b>Socio-economic Background</b> – social class i.e. parents' education, employment and income</p> <p><b>Looked after and accommodated children and young people</b></p> <p><b>Carers</b> paid and unpaid including family members</p> <p><b>Homelessness</b></p> <p><b>Addictions and substance use</b></p> <p><b>Those involved within the criminal justice system</b></p>	X			

## 4 Full Integrated Impact Assessment Required

Yes

### Part 2 Full Integrated Impact Assessment

## 5 Data and Information

### What evidence has been used to inform this proposal?

(Information can include, for example, surveys, databases, focus groups, in-depth interviews, pilot projects, reviews of complaints made, user feedback, academic publications and consultants' reports).

12 week public consultation exercise. Peer research across Scotland. Government guidance

**Describe any gaps in the available evidence, then record this within the improvement plan together with all of the actions you are taking in relation to this** (e.g. new research, further analysis, and when this is planned)

## 6 Consultation and Involvement

**Which groups are involved in this process and describe their involvement**

Public Consultation, and targeted consultation with user groups (such as allotment groups, community growing project leads) including but not limited to;

- Abundant Borders
- Borders Food Communities
- Peebles CAN
- Borders Organic Gardeners
- Burnfoot Community Hub
- Allotment Associations on Council-owned sites
- Allotment leaseholders
- Community Councils
- 'In Bloom' Groups / Floral Gateway award winners
- Area Partnerships
- Community Planning Partners
- Schools

**Describe any planned involvement saying when this will take place and who is responsible for managing the process**

Consultation on the Draft Strategy will be undertaken for 12 weeks subject to Committee approval – managed by Communications team, Legal and Democratic Services and Parks & Environment.

**Describe the results of any involvement and how you have taken this into account.**

The Strategy is informed by feedback regarding the needs of the community, as set out in the structure. Survey responses identified a need for support to individuals and communities interested in food growing, broadly falling into three themes which form the structure of the strategy:

- 1) Getting started: how can I get growing?** Support for getting started - Skills and Advice; training, confidence and resources to get started.
- 2) Where can I grow? Help to find space** – existing sites and new growing spaces and getting the right permissions in place.
- 3) Where can I get support for my growing project/growing activities?** How to resource your project: Funding, networking and skills sharing.



## 7 Mitigating Actions and Recommendations

Consider whether:

Could you modify the proposal to eliminate discrimination or reduce any identified negative impacts? **No**  
 (If necessary, consider other ways in which you could meet the aims and objectives of the proposal.)

Could you modify the proposal to increase equality and, if relevant, reduce poverty and socioeconomic disadvantage? **No**

Describe any modifications which you can make without further delay (e.g. easy, few resource implications)

<b>Mitigation</b>			
Please summarise all mitigations for approval by the decision makers who will approve your proposal			
<b>Equality Characteristic/Socio economic factor</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>	<b>Resource Implications (financial, people, health, property etc)</b>	<b>Approved Yes/No</b>
<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Yes</b>

## 8 Recommendation and Reasoning *(select which applies)*

- **Implement proposal with no amendments**
- Implement proposal taking account of mitigating actions (as outlined above)
- Reject proposal due to disproportionate impact on equality, poverty, health and Socio-economic disadvantage

**Reason for recommendation:**

The Strategy is built on the outcome of the Consultation and involvement and is there to meet the needs of the communities. The Strategy will be reviewed at least 12 months post-implementation to ensure it remains still relevant and fit for purpose, by the Parks & Environment Manager.

<b>Signed by Lead Officer:</b>	Carol Cooke
<b>Designation:</b>	Urban Designer
<b>Date:</b>	16/09/2020
<b>Counter Signature (Service Director):</b>	John Curry
<b>Date:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> October 2020