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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
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Thank you for your request for information relating to Local Food Partnerships.

You have requested the following information:

A local food partnership ('LFP') is a cross-sector collaboration between local authorities, third sector organizations, businesses, and academics that works to transform local food systems by improving public health, fostering community connection, building diverse local food economies, and addressing sustainability issues. Examples of local food partnerships include 'Bradford Sustainable Food Partnership' and 'Food4Fife'.

1. Does your local authority have any involvement with a local food partnership?

a. If yes, what is the name of the local food partnership?

b. If yes, what is the nature of the involvement? E.g. does your local authority facilitate meetings, donate money or provide staff time to work on the local food partnership.

c. If no, are you looking to establish a local food partnership or cross-sector food strategy.

In response to Question 1b, Coventry Food Network is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The 'Charitable Purpose' of CFN is the relief of poverty, specifically food hardship; by supporting the infrastructure, development and collaboration of its community and voluntary sector organisations, to be best positioned to support local residents and communities.

Coventry City Council's (CCC) involvement is as follows:

- Coordinates and facilitates monthly meetings between CFN and stakeholders.
- Coventry City Council awarded the Coventry Food Support Grant (£19,414.00) from July 2023 to

March 2025. The Coventry Food Support Grant's strategic objective is to establish and strengthen Coventry's local food partnership, where food organisations across the city from public, voluntary, community, faith and private sectors commit to working together in reshaping the future of community food provision in Coventry.

- CFN is supported by two council officers who aim to build relationships between CFN and other council services.
- Support with funding searches and grant funding applications is provided by the Coventry City Council Community Resilience Team
- Support is provided to CFN to connect them with local businesses, ensuring that CFN benefits from their social value objectives.
- CFN works in partnership with Coventry City Council to deliver the food element of the DWP Household Support Fund.

2. If your LA supports an LFP financially, what was the value of the financial support provided by the local authority in each of the last three financial years:

- a. 2022/23: Coventry Food Support Grant £19,414 and £60,000 from Coventry City Council to develop a programme and timescale for the sustainability of Coventry Food Network (CFN)
- b. 2021/22: Grant Aid Agreement £19,414
- c. 2020/21: Grant Aid Agreement £19,414

3. How many members of staff are working to support your local food partnership? Please provide:

a. The number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff working to support your local food partnership.

0.2 FTE.

4. Do young people benefit from the activities of your local food partnership? For example, are they supported by projects run by the food partnership? 'Young people' is defined here as those under twenty-five.

a. Yes/no

b. If yes, how many young people are involved?

c. What is the nature of their involvement?

Yes – young people will have access to nutritional food and wrap-around support through CFN.

CFN also supports the DFE-funded Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) aimed at enabling children and young people receiving benefits-related free school meals (FSM) to attend school holiday activities and experiences during Easter, summer and Christmas.

5. Are young people involved in the strategic development of the food partnership, for example through consultation, co-development or engagement activities that focus on youth voices?

a. Yes/no

b. If yes, how many young people are involved?

c. What is the nature of their involvement?

No – young people are not currently involved in the strategic development of the food partnership.

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Yours faithfully

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