

**DEPUTATIONS REFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON
28 MARCH 2019**

Deputations received:

(i) Deputation: Milan Urban Food Partnership

On behalf of Brighton and Food Partnership I am requesting that the city of Brighton and Hove becomes a signatory to the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact.

The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact is an international voluntary agreement. There is no financial contribution needed, and no specific obligation to do anything as a result. It is a pledge, if you like, with the core message that we will seek to develop “sustainable food systems that are inclusive, resilient, safe and diverse.” It was initially signed by over 100 international cities in Milan in 2015, and now has been signed by 181 cities. The existing UK signatories are London, Birmingham and Bristol.

We are recommending that Brighton & Hove becomes a signatory as the aims and ethos closely reflect the city’s existing approach, as set out in our city-wide Food Strategy, and our city’s vision of developing a ‘healthy, sustainable fair food for all.’ Becoming a signatory will add value and prestige to our existing local activity and be a chance to promote it to a wider audience.

Signing up will also support our city’s bid to become the first Gold Sustainable Food City in the UK, which we are on track to achieve in 2020.

Finally, becoming a signatory will showcase our city’s approach and achievements to an international audience. With 200 actions and 100 partners, and with cross-party support, our city’s Food Strategy Action Plan has been described by Sustainable Food cities as the most ambitious example of a food partnership approach in the UK. Indeed, we are sometimes asked why, given our leading global position on a joined-up citywide approach to food, Brighton & Hove is not already a signatory.

Thank you for your consideration.

In terms of the process, an authorised representative of the local authority needs to sign a document, committing on a voluntary basis to the following, all of which our city is already doing:

- “We will work to develop sustainable food systems that are inclusive, resilient, safe and diverse, that provide healthy and affordable food to all people in a human rights-based framework, that minimise waste and conserve biodiversity while adapting to and mitigating impacts of climate change;
- We will encourage interdepartmental and cross-sector coordination at municipal and community levels, working to integrate urban food policy considerations into social, economic and environment policies, programmes and initiatives, such as, inter alia, food supply and distribution, social protection, nutrition, equity, food production, education, food safety and waste reduction;

- We will seek coherence between municipal food-related policies and programmes and relevant subnational, national, regional and international policies and processes;
- We will engage all sectors within the food system (including neighbouring authorities, technical and academic organizations, civil society, small scale producers, and the private sector) in the formulation, implementation and assessment of all food-related policies, programmes and initiatives;
- We will review and amend existing urban policies, plans and regulations in order to encourage the establishment of equitable, resilient and sustainable food systems;
- We will use the Framework for Action as a starting point for each city to address the development of their own urban food system and we will share developments with participating cities and our national governments and international agencies when appropriate;
- We will encourage other cities to join our food policy actions.”

If we do not sign-up, there are no specific implications, but we lose the opportunity to promote our good practice locally and on an international stage. There is also an award scheme to recognise exceptional achievement by cities around the world, which we can only apply for if we are a signatory.

Milan Urban Food Pact website: <http://www.milanurbanfoodpolicypact.org/>

Commitment and Suggested Framework for action:

<http://www.milanurbanfoodpolicypact.org/text/>

Signatory cities: <http://www.milanurbanfoodpolicypact.org/signatory-cities/>

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