

Subject:	<b>Food Working Group report</b>
From:	Dan Raymond-Barker, Food Working group lead
Date:	19.10.22
For information/decision	
Summary of decisions or actions requested (including timing):	
<p>1) Confirmation of Terms of Reference</p> <p>Lisa is drawing up the terms of reference for the group. The aims of the group are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To support and signpost local food producers, suppliers and retailers.</li> <li>• To promote initiatives for community-food production and sharing.</li> <li>• To support climate-friendly food practices and initiatives.</li> <li>• To encourage reductions in food waste.</li> </ul> <p>2) Support for Charlbury Market</p> <p>The new Charlbury market has been running for the last five weeks on a trial basis and will now take a break to review. It's a local food market on Saturday mornings, with a small collection of stalls selling locally-grown and locally-prepared food. It has been supported by the Food Group in a facilitating role (convening and attending relevant meetings and giving time on the day of the market).</p> <p>Feedback from stallholders and those attending has been very positive, including: supporting local businesses; enabling people to buy a range of locally-produced good-quality food in one place; bringing more footfall to the town centre on a regular basis; creating a friendly, social and accessible event; revenue for the community centre. Concerns have focused on traffic movements and safety. Further feedback will be sought online.</p> <p>We're now looking at the scope for making this a weekly market (but not when the Thames Valley farmer's market is on) from next spring, with the possibility of a one-off market in December. The Group will meet with the Community Centre/TGT to discuss how best to do this, taking on board all feedback and exploring how to improve the market for the benefit of the whole community.</p> <p>Support from the Working Group will continue in this facilitating role. Budget spend anticipated is for the printing of leaflets and purchase of temporary signs for advertising and safety. Approx £300.</p> <p>3) Land adjoining Ticknell Piece, skate and play park and Centenary Wood</p> <p>The prospect of this piece of land being leased from OCC by the Town Council is welcomed. There is interest in part of the land being used as a community food garden/allotment but the Group feels this would need leadership and infrastructure, likely from another group or organization. Given the waiting list for allotments we'd like to see more allotments created on part of the site.</p>	
Financial implications:	
Request to carry over underspend of £300 from 2022-23 to next financial year. An additional £200 to be requested for other events/contingency.	

