

**REPORT FROM: HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**TO: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PANEL**

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## **FOOD BANKS**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consider the information collected so far with regard to food banks in Pendle.

### **FOR DECISION**

That the Panel considers alternative ways in which to gather information.

### **REASONS FOR DECISION**

In order to get a complete picture of the food banks in Pendle.

### **ISSUE**

### **BACKGROUND**

1. At the June 2019 meeting, at the request of the Pendle Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board (PHWPB), the Panel agreed to carry out a piece of work to get an overview of where food banks are in Pendle and what is available.
2. The aim is to link food banks together to help improve access to funding and support.
3. The first task was to establish where food banks are in Pendle. This began with officer attendance at a Food Poverty and Community Network Event, hosted by Asda, Colne.
4. Councillor K. Hartley, a Panel and Board member also attended in his role as Mayor of Pendle.
5. The event brought together local groups and charities to discuss, amongst other things, food poverty.

6. This included representatives from food banks, community cafés and those potentially in a position to donate surplus produce.
7. A request for Information was also made via social media.
8. Once the location of a number of food banks had been identified direct contact was made and information was sought by way of a brief questionnaire (attached at appendix 1).
9. Questions were asked around the service provided; the criteria for use and referral process; funding arrangements; and whether they had links with other food banks and service providers (i.e. health centres, other community groups, mental health services).
10. In addition to the above, a small amount of research has been carried out with regard to the redistribution of supermarket surplus stock.

## **PRESENT POSITION**

11. Details of the information collected to date will be circulated to Panel members at the meeting.
12. So far, the majority of the information regarding the redistribution of supermarket surplus stock focusses on each individual chain's national programme.
13. More work is therefore needed to establish what is being done locally.

## **OPTIONS**

14. The Panel has been tasked with gathering information for submission to the PHWPB.
15. An interim report was submitted to the Board in October, 2019, at which time a response was awaited from several organisations.
16. At this stage, the information is still incomplete. Further details are required from a number of the food banks and the local supermarkets.
17. The Panel is therefore asked to consider ways in which the information can be collected.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

<b>Policy:</b>	None arising directly from this report.
<b>Financial:</b>	None arising directly from this report.
<b>Legal:</b>	None arising directly from this report.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	None arising directly from this report.
<b>Health and Safety:</b>	None arising directly from this report.
<b>Sustainability:</b>	None arising directly from this report.
<b>Community Safety:</b>	None arising directly from this report.

**Equality and Diversity:**  
**APPENDICES**

None arising directly from this report.

Appendix 1 – Survey

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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