



Local Authority Food Procurement

Four Paws UK would like to learn more about the efforts that are being made in your area regarding food procurement. We would value your response and it will be of special interest to members of the public. The findings will be communicated as part of our ongoing work with our supporters in your constituency. We are also more than happy to provide advice and support if you wish to do more.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact: stephanie.noble@four-paws.org.uk

Thank you.

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Name:

Local Authority:

Nottinghamshire County Council



Section 1:

Does your local authority have its own official food policy?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes (If yes, please email a copy to stephanie.noble@four-paws.org.uk)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No (Go to Section 2)

Does it meet or go beyond legal requirements?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not know

Is it publicly available?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes - If yes where?
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Does your food policy mention animal welfare?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

How often is the policy reviewed?

What measures are taken to make sure the policy is enforced?



Which institutions (local authority and academy schools, primary and secondary schools, hospitals, universities, other canteens, etc.) in your area follow your food policy when procuring food, either entirely or parts of it? Please provide a list of them:

Do you encourage good livestock systems when procuring products from animal origin?

	Yes
	No
	I do not know

If yes, do you give priority to food produced under specific assurance schemes? If so, which one(s):

	Red Tractor	RSPCA	Organic	Green Public Procurement Guidelines	Government Buying Standard	Other (please specify)
Chicken						
Pork						
Beef						
Eggs						
Milk						
Dairy						
Turkey						



Do you recommend providing at least 1 vegan meal per day?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not know

Do you recommend that a certain percentage of served food for one average meal is plant based?

<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	1-20%
<input type="checkbox"/>	21-40%
<input type="checkbox"/>	41-60%
<input type="checkbox"/>	61-80%
<input type="checkbox"/>	81-100%

Do all local authority schools in your area follow your food policy?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't know

How do you work with schools to make sure your policies are implemented?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Directly communicate your policies to them
<input type="checkbox"/>	By providing guidance and training
<input type="checkbox"/>	Via an advisory team
<input type="checkbox"/>	We do not work with schools to share our policies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other



If 'Other' is selected above, please specify:



Section 2:

How much does your local authority spend on food in total per year? How much of this is within schools?

Approx £4.5 million and 80% of the spend is school based

How much of this overall spend relates to animal-based products (meat, dairy, eggs, fish)?

Approx 35 %

Do you work with contract catering companies or in-house caterers? Please provide names of contact caterers and how much is spent on each company per year.

In house caterers

Do you have the following information regarding the food served in the institutions you are responsible for?

	Yes	No
How much is UK produced	X	
How much is local to your area	X	
The farming system used (cage free, pre-stun Halal etc)	X	



Other (please specify):

How important do you believe it is to ensure that food procured using public money in your constituency is?

	Not Important	Quite Important	Very Important	Essential	Prefer not to say
Animal welfare friendly			X		
Environmentally friendly			X		
Healthy			X		
Ethically sourced			X		
Cost effective		X			
Locally produced			X		
Fair trade			X		
Organic			X		

Do you intend to take greater account of animal welfare in future procurement processes?

X	Yes
	No

If yes, to what extent?

Please see statement below from one of our Specifications

Nottinghamshire County Council take account of animal welfare in our current procurement process and will continue to do so.

Animal Products must comply with minimum welfare standards. This must be evidenced through one of the following accreditations, an assured food standard logo and Freedom Foods certification for Nottinghamshire County Council Education or equivalent. The Supplier will be expected to report on the annual % of spend on



animal products with certified welfare standards. The Goods supplied must carry the relevant standards for that particular type of product e.g.: Freedom Food accreditation, EBLEX, Red Tractor, Organic, Free Range (or any other certified standard) and game is to be wild and not farmed i: e venison. This is essential for Nottinghamshire County Council Education as a minimum.

What is the biggest barrier preventing you from increasing animal welfare in your procurement practices?

As we hold the Gold Food for Life accreditation we take animal welfare seriously and procure the food stuffs by sustainable and accredited sources.

Would you be open to adopting or taking additional measures, if expert support from us was provided?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

Do you think your constituents would be happy if they knew exactly where their food is coming from?

To be fair the Constituents are already aware as we have published menu cycles with the information contained.

Would you be willing to publicise where the food you serve comes from?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

No more than is currently publicised



Thank you!

Is there any other information you would like to share with us?

Within the Schools we hold "Gold Food For Life" accreditation for all sites and have held this for a number of years.