

# HEALTH & ADULTS SCRUTINY SUB- COMMITTEE

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Thursday, 16 September 2021 at 6.30 p.m.

Committee Room One - Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent,  
London, E14 2BG

## SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

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**3 .1 Food poverty for older people and low-income families**

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The Sub-Committee will receive 2 presentations on food poverty for older people and low-income families.

# Delivering a Right to Food for the UK



# Right To Food Campaign



## Why we need Enforceable Food Rights in the UK

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- Accountability: Covid crisis
- Accessibility: income, pricing
- Adequacy: safe, cultural appropriate, nutritious
- Availability: 'food deserts' - planning

## 5 key elements to Right to Food

- **UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS**
- **COMMUNITY KITCHENS**
- REASONABLE PORTIONS IN BENEFITS AND WAGES
- ENSURED FOOD SECURITY
- INDEPENDENT ENFORCEMENT

# Right To Food Campaign: Mobile pantry model



ALSO, WE'VE GOT THE ISSUE OF COMMUNITY KITCHENS

# Moving forward post pandemic



What are Right to Food elements for Tower Hamlets for older people and low income families?

1. Review 'Food Access Plans' using rights based approach

- Identify needs and gaps in access
- What barriers for vulnerable and marginalised

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2. Institutional structures - how integrated across council departments and others – Public health, CCG, PCNs

- What are the capacities and capabilities of workforces?
- Is it a sustainable system e.g. volunteer led?

3. Meaningful involvement of communities in developing models and 'future' food strategy

- How well connected are 'layers' of the local system?

4. Move motion to support Right to Food Campaign and for the 'Right to Food' to be incorporated into the National Food Strategy e.g. [Sheffield Council](#)



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