

National Food Strategy (NFS) Recommendation		Government Food Strategy White Paper from Defra	New commitment to NFS recommendation	Possible/Suggested department with responsibility for development/delivery
1	Sugar and Salt Reformulation Tax	Creating a healthier food environment could mean encouraging reformulation to reduce calories, reduce portion size. Government needs to set the right expectations of industry, provide the right regulatory interventions, and support the necessary innovation to drive a healthier food environment. <b>The DHSC Healthy Disparities White Paper</b> <b>will set out further measures to reduce obesity</b> by setting out government approach to working with the food industry to create a healthier food environment for all and investing in innovative approaches to address weight and diet related ill health. The government will undertake a programme of randomised control trials to develop a suite of evidence based and value for money interventions to encourage and enable healthier and more sustainable diets. The findings will enable government to channel resources towards the most effective interventions as we work towards developing largescale and long-term policies to shift diets.	Tax not being considered in the immediate future	Consideration/Development: DHSC (including the Healthy Disparities White Paper) Delivery (tax): HM Treasury
2	Mandatory reporting for large companies	The strategy launches the Food Data Transparency Partnership. By the end of 2023, in England, the government will streamline for industry all reporting requirements relating to the production and sale of food and drink. They will consult on implementing mandatory public reporting against a set of health metrics and explore a similar approach to sustainability and animal welfare.	Not in the immediate future but will consult on mandatory reporting	Defra/FSA



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3	New Eat and Learn initiative for schools	Previously announced commitment in Levelling Up White Paper: the government will invest up to £5 million to launch a school cooking revolution, including the development of brand-new content for the curriculum and providing bursaries for teacher training and leadership. To support this, the UK Government will invest up to £200,000 to pilot new training for school governors and academy trusts on a whole school approach to food. The government will aim for every child leaving secondary school to know at least six basic recipes that will support healthy living into adulthood.	The 'school cooking revolution' previously announced differs from the NFS proposition of including curriculum changes, accreditation, inspection, funding for ingredients and fruit, and vegetable procurement at a cost of £206 million (£104 million for ingredients) over 3 years.	DfE
4	Extend eligibility for free school meals	Will continue to keep free school meal eligibility under review.	Not in the immediate future	DfE/Government
5	Funding for Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme	Previously announced commitment in Oct 2021 from DfE, to continue funding the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme with a £600 million investment over a 3-year period.	Committed to this NFS recommendation, previously announced	DfE
6	Expand Healthy Start Scheme	Previously launched (in 2021) a digital scheme that offers a prepaid card to those applying for Healthy Start instead of paper vouchers.	Not in the immediate future	DHSC
7	Trialling Community Eatwell Programme supporting those on low diets to improve	Announced Community Eatwell in Levelling Up White Paper – further details will be published in the Health Disparities White Paper.	Following the NFS recommendation, previously announced	DHSC



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8	Guarantee the budget for agricultural payments until at least 2029 to help farmers transition to more sustainable land use.	Environmental Land Management (ELM) offers to remain responsive to farmer demand through co-design and ensuring remain on track to achieve objectives for Net Zero, biodiversity, and animal health and welfare.	No budget guarantees outlined but plans to support farmers through ELM and include increasing output in horticulture and seafood	Defra
9	Create a Rural Land Use Framework based on the three- compartment model.	A land use framework to be published in 2023 that will reflect objectives for English Agriculture, the environment and net zero.	Will publish a land use framework in 2023	Defra
10	Define minimum standards for trade, and a mechanism for protecting them.	Protecting environmental, ethical and animal welfare measures through Animal Health and Welfare pathway. Food Data Transparency Partnership will support consumers better understanding production impact of food they buy (looking at consistent ecolabelling); improved procurement policy practice to encourage use of locally produced food.	Minimum standards for trade and a mechanism for protecting them not clearly defined	Defra/Government
11	Invest £1 billion in innovation to create a better food system.	Commitment to spend £270 million through the Farming Innovation Programme on innovation programmes to 2029 and developing a 'what works centre' to share best practice across industry. Partnership with UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) to invest over £120 million in research across the food system.	Some areas for innovation funding defined including alternative proteins and gene editing, reducing methane emissions from livestock. Development of a What Works Centre to provide farmers with evidence to support take up of new innovations. Less new funding committed compared to NFS recommendation defined.	Defra



12	Create a National Food System Data programme.	Food Data Transparency Partnership to provide a framework with ambition to bring together government departments and agencies in England and the DAs, including DHSC, the FSA and Food Standards Scotland (FSS), with representatives from across the whole food supply chain and civil society, to at first look at the development of consistent and defined metrics to objectively measure the health, environmental sustainability, and animal welfare impacts of food.	The Food Data Transparency Partnership will aim to collect and share data to help actors in food system plan ahead.	Defra/FSA
13	Strengthen Government procurement rules to ensure that taxpayer money is spent on healthy and sustainable food.	Consulting on public sector food and catering policy, including the Government Buying Standards for Food and Catering Services (GBSF), and to consider widening the scope of the policy to be mandatory across the whole public sector.	Includes consultation and consideration of mandatory procurement rules across the whole public sector	Defra/FSA
14	Set clear targets and bring in legislation for long-term change.	No legislation announced but Food Data Transparency Partnership and subsequent data collected may help inform targets.	Good Food Bill as legislative framework recommended in NFS not included	Government/FSA