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Submitted to Local food for everyone  
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### Part A - Local food: introduction

1 Do you agree with the Scottish Government definition of local food as set out above?

Yes

Please provide further detail on what local food means to you in the text box below:

Yes, mostly. It is contextual though - something produced in a mainland city isn't going to be considered local to an islander. It also includes being produced in my village or township (you are being urban-biased in your definition).

### The benefits of local food

2 Do you agree with the benefits associated with local food as set out in the strategy?

Yes

Please provide further detail on your response in the text box below, including whether there are there any further benefits not captured. Please provide examples if possible. :

Yes and also the synogy created in the local economy of the local food economy - food is much more than just food. Also building social capital and community resilience.

Local food builds on total traceability; terroir, provenance and so on (vertical farming loses here), so support local producers and also small scale local processors such as abattoirs and cutting rooms, smokeries, secondary processing etc.

Food with a story – what better than crofting, culturally and geographically distinct?

Under Health you mention benefits of growing but for some reason place this in an urban context; growing food benefits everyone no matter where they live.

3 Are you aware of any disadvantages of local food?

No

Please provide further detail about your response in the text box below. Please provide examples if possible. :

But there are difficulties - for example livestock reared on the hill will have to go to a centralised abattoir (as SG have not supported local abattoirs) and apart from the welfare issues of transporting animals long distances, and the economic implication, the producer isnt sure they are getting thier meat back - so where is the provenance or traceability?

Rules need to be lighter for small enterprises and community enterprises.

A lot of work for this is done by volunteers with little support from SG; there is volunteer fatigue.

### Scottish Government activity

4 Do you have any comments on the first pillar of the Scottish Government's local food strategy: connecting people with food?

Please provide your views using the text box below:

Making land available - why isn't SG creating new crofts?

Grow your own - why aren't SG helping the Social Crofts initiative?

Learning about food – we had Crofting Connections which was a very well received project in schools, SG stopped funding it.

RHET - delivery of digital farm visits for school children, with accompanying classroom resources. what about croft visits? why digital? Food education has to be much more than this – children have to taught to budget, source, grow and cook good food.

5 Do you have any comments on the second pillar of the Scottish Government's local food strategy: connecting Scottish producers with buyers?

Please provide your views using the text box below:

Local abattoirs and cutting rooms are desperately needed.

The croft story - Scottish Crofting Produce.

Croft markets need support.

"An event covering producers and suppliers across the Highlands and Islands and North East is planned for November 2021" did it happen?

Scotland on the Table – Scottish Food & Drink Fortnight - did this happen?

Will Scotland develop its own GIs? e.g. Scottish Crofting Produce.

We need crofts all over Scotland, including social crofts, so that people have easy access to fresh produce or to being involved in growing. Scottish land has to be used better - get more people using our land - why is land reform stalling?

6 Do you have any comments on the third pillar of the Scottish Governments local food strategy: harnessing public sector procurement?

Please give your views using the text box below:

There seems no mention of public procurement of local food for NHS?

7 Are there any areas related to local food where Scottish Government involvement could bring further benefits or reduce disadvantages?

Please give your views using the text box below:

Clamp down on NHS provision of food - it should be good, locally sourced food, high in nutrition and taste - ill people need a good diet as much as anyone, if not more.

### Local food: questions for individuals

8 Please indicate how willing you are to pay more for local food

Please select an option from the dropdown list:

9 Please indicate how willing you are to go to more/different shops to access local food

Please select an option from the dropdown list:

10 Please indicate how likely you are to change your diet, for example to eat fewer exotic foods or to eat more seasonally, in order to eat more local foods?

Please select an option from the dropdown list:

11 Are you aware of where you can access local food?

Not Answered

Please provide further detail about your answer above:

12 Are you currently able to buy healthy, affordable food groceries within a 20 minute walk (approximately 800 metres) of your home?

Not Answered

Please provide further detail about your answer above, particularly focusing on any barriers to your ability to access healthy, affordable food:

13 Are you currently able to buy local food within a 20 minute walk (approximately 800 metres) of your home?

Not Answered

Please provide further detail about your answer above, particularly focusing on any barriers to your ability to access local food.:

### Local food: access and public sector food questions

14 Do you have any further comments on improvements that could be made to allow for everyone living in Scotland to have better access to healthy, affordable and locally sourced food?

Please provide your views:

Provide land, create new crofts across Scotland. Make it compulsory that large land owners create crofts and that local authorities create allotments, community gardens etc.

Make Scottish lamb affordable. Stata show that people don't buy lamb - why would they when its twice the price of beef? People buy South American beef instead of Scottish beef, because it is cheaper. Why, as a nation of livestock producers, are we failing so badly to market our product to ourselves? What is QMS doing?

15 Do you think that Scotland's schools, hospitals and other public institutions provide sufficient access to healthy, locally sourced food?

Not at all

Please provide further detail about your answer above, focusing on any changes you think could be made to improve access to healthy, locally sourced food within schools, hospitals or other public institutions:

Schools could be growing more of their own as a source of education, student well-being and healthy food.

Patients in NHS facilities are fed appalling food in the main, right at a time that they need to best food. NHS must be made to source local, good food.

16 Are you aware of any examples of schools, hospitals or other public institutions that have been particularly effective in providing healthy, locally sourced food?

No

If you responded 'Yes' to the question above, please provide further detail on these and why they were effective.:

### Local food: Covid-19 questions

17 Has your attitude to local food changed at all due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and related restrictions?

Somewhat

Please provide more detail about your answer:

We have always been very keen to promote local food - from a time when Scottish Government pooh-pooed it as a 'niche sector'. There was a ground-swell in interest in food and local food before the pandemic, but the pandemic has highlighted its importance even more. It is good to see that Scottish Government have recognised this and is taking action, though not enough on a bigger scale.

18 Are you aware of any organisations or schemes that have been particularly effective in providing local food during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

If you responded 'Yes' to the question above, please provide further detail on these and why they were effective.:

Crofts tried to, and were being asked to by consumers, and could to an extent, but were limited by the lack of infrastructure; for example if we had local abattoirs we could have been supplying croft-grown meat to local communities when there was a severe shortage in the supermarkets. we couldn't even get small-batch kills in the centralised abattoirs.

### Local food: examples of good practice questions

19 Are you aware of any organisations or schemes that have been particularly effective in developing a strong sense of local food culture and community?

Yes

If you responded 'Yes' to the question above, please provide further detail on these and why they were effective. :

Broadford and Strath Community Company have had some very successful initiatives.  
North Talisker Sheep Stock Club working with Plockton High School

20 Are you aware of any organisations or schemes that have been particularly effective in reducing the distance that food travels from being grown or produced to being eaten (the number of 'food miles' travelled)?

Yes

If you responded 'Yes' to the question above, please provide further detail on these and why they were effective.:

as above

21 Are you aware of any organisations or schemes that have been particularly effective in the increasing availability of locally produced food?

Yes

If you responded 'Yes' to the question above, please provide further detail on these and why they were effective.:

as above

### Part B - Vertical farming: introduction

22 Have you considered using vertical farming technologies?

No, it's not suitable for me/my product/my industry

Please explain your reasoning:

Please explain your reasoning. Why are you looking at this? Is there a shortage of available land? We should be promoting extensive production for all its environmental benefits, not increased intensity. This technology takes away any terroir, provenance. Food grown in this way could be grown anywhere – how does it fulfil your definitions of 'local'? How is a "closed system" local?

If it is energy hungry why are you considering it?

Vertical farming may increase salad production and therefore reduce imports, but so would growing salads under glass or plastic. Why was so much of Scotland's glasshouse horticulture abandoned? Why is horticulture excluded from food production subsidies?

## Vertical farming: further questions

23 What effect would increased usage of vertical farming have on food imports to Scotland?

Not Answered

Please provide further detail about your answer.:

Is this not a question we should be asking of you? Do you know the answer?

24 Would vertical farming cause an increase, decrease or have no effect on the following concerns compared with conventional production?

vertical farming - impacts - matrix - Emissions from transportation:

vertical farming - impacts - matrix - Pesticide and fertiliser usage:

vertical farming - impacts - matrix - Water usage:

vertical farming - impacts - matrix - Electricity usage:

vertical farming - impacts - matrix - Packaging:

vertical farming - impacts - matrix - Land use:

vertical farming - impacts - matrix - Labour requirements:

vertical farming - impacts - matrix - Seasonality of produce:

vertical farming - impacts - matrix - Freshness of produce:

vertical farming - impacts - matrix - Cost of production:

Please give examples:

as above - is this not what the trials, SG is paying for, are to find out?

25 What barriers do you see to the uptake of vertical farming in Scotland?

Other

Please give examples.:

It probably will be taken up by some producers. But is this what we want? does it deliver the additional benefits that you outline in a definition of local food?

## Vertical farming: other technologies

26 Are you aware of any other technologies, other than vertical farming, which would help Scotland produce more of its own food?

Yes

If you responded 'Yes' to the question above, please provide examples.:

Crofting. Get many more people on the land producing food.

## About you

What is your name?

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Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

What is your organisation?

Organisation:  
Scottish Crofting Federation

The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:

Publish response only (without name)

We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Yes

I confirm that I have read the privacy policy and consent to the data I provide being used as set out in the policy.

I consent

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Matrix 1 - How satisfied were you with this consultation?:  
Slightly dissatisfied

Please enter comments here.:

Its good you are consulting on this but the quality of the survey questions is not as high as it should be.

Matrix 1 - How would you rate your satisfaction with using this platform (Citizen Space) to respond to this consultation?:  
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Please enter comments here.:

It is ok for us in the office but not for our members, many of whom do not do online.