

Sustain annual conference

What food policy solutions exist to tackle the cost of living crisis?

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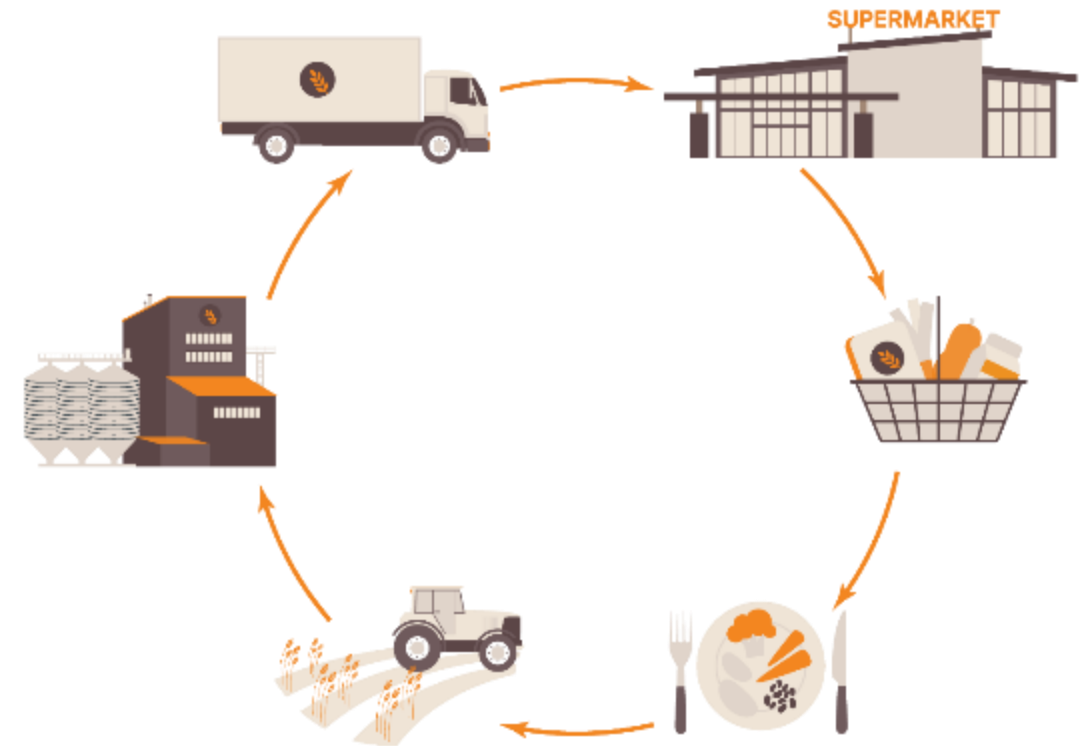
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Kath Dalmeny

Sustain CEO

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Prof Ha-Joon Chang

**Economist and author of
'Edible Economics: A
Hungry Economist
Explains the World'**

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Deputy CEO Sustain**

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Kat Jenner, **Obesity Health Alliance**

Shaun Spiers, **Green Alliance**

Sabine Goodwin, **Independent Food
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What just happened? Political update - what's been won and lost?

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How to respond to the current crisis?



**Medway Food
Partnership**

Medway Food Partnership's response to tackling food poverty in the community

**Oluseyi Obadare
(Public Health, Project Manager)**

**A BETTER
MEDWAY**
Easier ways to be healthy

Medway
COUNCIL
Serving You



Medway Food
Partnership

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Our Vision...

Creating an **environment** that supports **sustainable access** of **healthy food**, **skills** and **education** for all, building **healthier communities** and **better futures** for everyone in Medway.



What is the Medway Food Partnership?

The Medway Food Partnership brings together charitable organisations, businesses and the local community.

Together we are working to simplify and improve the support available for residents in need across Medway.

The partnership aims to:

- promote healthier eating
- reduce food poverty
- improve access to healthy food
- provide skills and education to help residents of Medway to live healthier lives.

Food creates opportunities to bring people together, celebrate our cultures and make new connections with people. Food is not just fuel, it is at the centre of everything, helping us to thrive and improve our lives.



Subgroup 1: Food poverty, security and emergency food

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In 2021...

**It was estimated that 90,000 children in Kent and Medway
Go to school hungry
and
Same number of children go to bed hungry.**

FareShare Kent



Our Approach Food support across Medway 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Hands of Hope Foundation 10am-4pm	Medway Foodbank 9.30am-3.30pm	Medway Foodbank 9.30am-3.30pm	Medway Foodbank 9.30am-3.30pm	Medway Foodbank 9.30am-1.30pm		
Gillingham Street Angels 9am-1pm	Gillingham Street Angels 9am-1pm	Gillingham Street Angels 9am-1pm	Gillingham Street Angels 9am-1pm	Gillingham Street Angels 9am-1pm	Gillingham Street Angels 9am-1pm	Gillingham Salvation Army 11.30am – 12noon
Chatham Salvation Army Bags of Hope 10.30am-1pm	Christ Church Luton 10am-12noon	Medway Street Angels Soup Kitchen 7pm Clover Street Car park	Medway Street Angels Soup Kitchen 7pm Clover Street Car park	Chatham Salvation Army Bags of Hope 10.30am-1pm	Open House Project Rochester Soup kitchen runs Saturday, 2-4pm Quaker Meeting House, Northgate, Rochester.	One Big Family Soup Kitchen. Sundays - Globe Lane Car Park, Chatham. 6.30pm
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Time for the Homeless Soup Kitchen Chatham 7pm H Samuels, Military Rd			Hands of Hope Foundation 10am – 4pm	Time for the Homeless Soup Kitchen 8pm H Samuels, Military Rd	Nigerian Community Association Kent & Medway 10am - 5pm	Nigerian Community Association Kent & Medway 12 - 5pm
				Hands of Hope Foundation 10am - 2pm Magdalene Ministry 9am – 3pm	Medway Street Angels 7pm Soup Kitchen	
				Time for the Homeless Soup Kitchen Rochester 8.45pm Boat Lane car park, Opposite The Eagle Tavern		

Subgroup 1: Food poverty, security and emergency food

Tackling Food Poverty in Medway

- Number of households supported with food parcels:

2020 - 7,654 food parcels delivered during Christmas

2021 - 16,357 food parcels delivered during Christmas
with an estimate of 27,000 households supported in 2021

2022 - MFP members currently support an estimate of
16,976 households on a monthly basis.

Healthy Start Voucher

In Medway, the uptake of these vouchers was 72% in March 2022 which has improved significantly from being 58% in September 2021





Healthy Start

You could get **£4.25** per week with Healthy Start



Partners





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Thank You

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Impact of cost of living on good food enterprises

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I run a business feeding 220 families with good healthy food. I employ 4 local people in rewarding jobs at fair wages. And my farm is 72T carbon negative a year. So why am I earning £0 this year; receive just £1,400 in farm subsidy payments, and rely on Child Tax Credits to make end meet? The 'cost of living crisis' is just the latest manifestation of the long running and worsening inequality and ecological crisis.

Jo Hunt, Knockfarrel Produce, Highland

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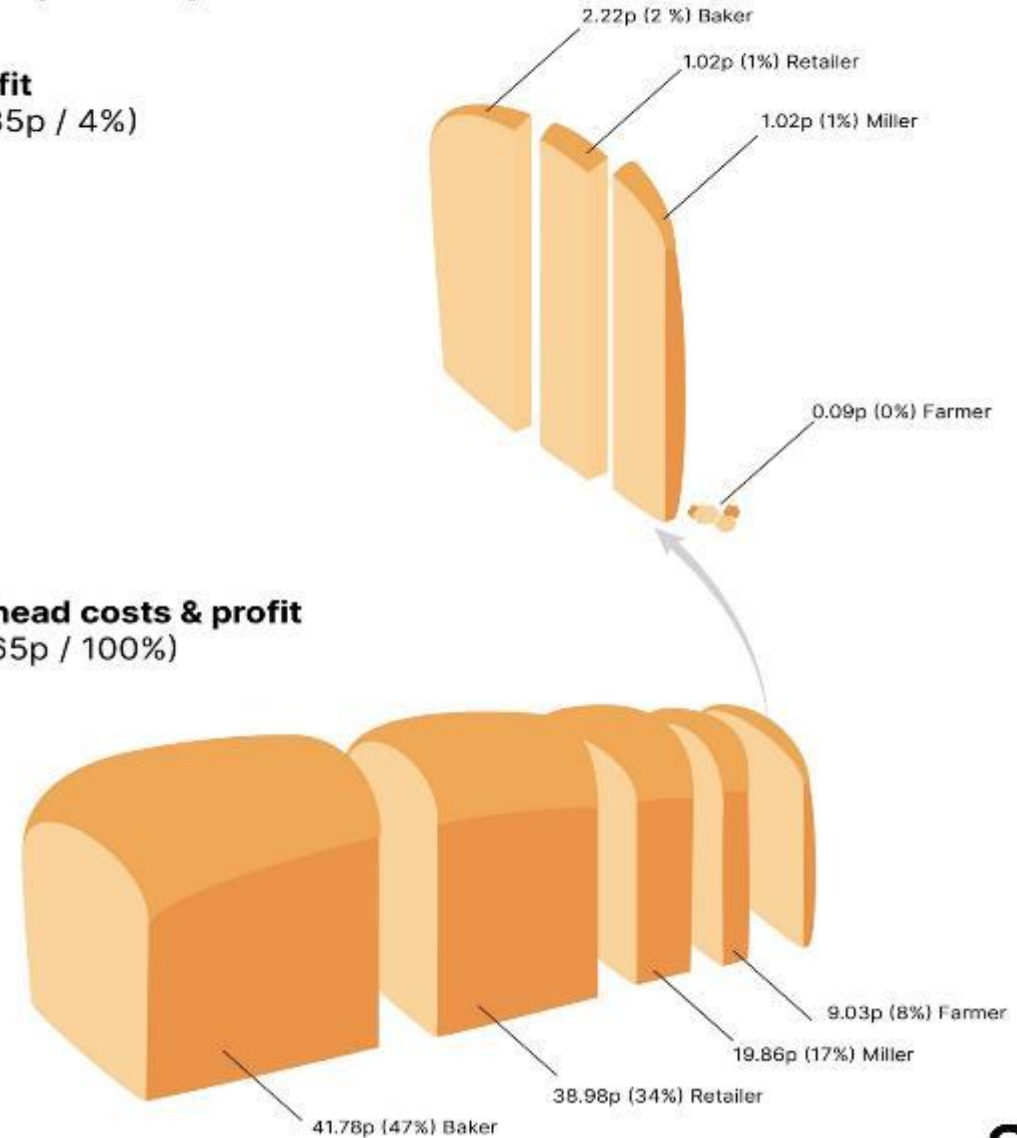
The data suggests serious issues in whole supply chain

SLICED LOAF

retail price 114p

Profit
(4.35p / 4%)

Overhead costs & profit
(109.65p / 100%)



Key policies

- **Better regulation** is needed to help redress the imbalance of power - maintaining the Groceries Code Adjudicator, introducing new, legally binding, sectoral supply chain codes of practice.
- **Building new better routes to market for farmers** - an action plan to increase the market share of shorter and farmer-focused supply chains, public investment in localised infrastructure (eg sorting, drying, hubs); dynamic public procurement models to source from a large range of farmers and growers.
- **More transparency** in supply chains, greater mandatory reporting and acknowledge the huge overheads in the current, complex system

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(Chair) Sheila Dillon, **BBC Food Programme**

Daniel Zeichner MP, **Shadow Minister Labour (EFRA)**

Jo Gideon MP, **Conservatives**

Munira Wilson MP, Spokesperson (Education), **Liberal Democrats**

Pete Wishart MP, Shadow Spokesperson (EFRA), **SNP**

What actions can parliamentarians take to help us all build a better food and farming system, tackle hunger and ensure that progress is not derailed by the current crises?



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