Helping the Mayor to tackle the underlying issues in London’s food system.

Advise on:
- The implementation of the new London Food Strategy, published in December 2018.
- How to ensure London’s food system delivers social and economic benefits for all Londoners.
- GLA’s London Food Programme
Development of a new London Food strategy

• 2017: Mayor asked Chair of the London Food Board and new members to inform the development of first Mayoral strategy for food since 2006.

• Officers in the Mayor’s Food Policy team worked alongside Food Board members.

• Non-statutory strategy helps achieve Mayor’s manifesto commitments, including tackling child obesity and Londoners’ reliance on food banks.

• The London Food Strategy has been developed in conjunction with a suite of other Mayoral strategies, including:
Structure of the London Food Strategy

• Framed within six separate settings:
  o Good Food at Home, and Reducing Food Insecurity
  o Good Food Economy, Shopping and Eating Out
  o Good Food in Community Settings and Public Institutions
  o Good Food for Pregnancy and Childhood
  o Good Food Growing, Community Gardens and Urban Farming
  o Good Food for the Environment

• Commitments on how to improve London’s food system:
  - What actions the Mayor will take to deliver change
  - What the Mayor will do to support change
  - Priorities that will be led by external partners (including businesses and individuals)

• Structured to be as inclusive as possible. Recognises role of many stakeholders involved in food e.g. the Mayor, local authorities, the govt., VCS organisations and individuals.
Mayoral Commitment in the Food Strategy

“By working with local authorities, private sector partners and food growing charities, the Mayor will support urban farming, encourage community growing spaces and protect allotments. He will help Londoners access community gardens so that the multiple benefits of food growing for all Londoners are realised.”