Cabinet Response to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board – Food Strategy Action Plan – Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

Recommendation 1:

That the Cabinet be recommended to approve the Torbay Council Food Action Plan set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

Response/Update:

Cabinet supports the Torbay Council Food Action Plan 2025-2026 set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report as recommended.

Recommendation 2:

That the Cabinet be recommended to explore how to use Small Business Week to promote healthy eating and behaviours in Torbay.

Response/Update:

Cabinet is not aware of a small business week initiative in Torbay. Cabinet supports actions to engage with relevant local businesses in relation to actions 11: (Review planning policy to further support limiting the location of fast-food outlets and hot food takeaways in certain locations though the Local Plan update and refresh of the Healthy Torbay Supplementary Planning Document) and 12: (Explore how the Council can encourage healthy food consumption through the application of an unhealthy food policy on Council owned assets). Cabinet also supports promotion of healthy eating and behaviours with relevant businesses that have contracts with Torbay Council. We will continue to explore and develop links with our local businesses through existing forums/opportunities to promote healthy food.