

Policy Extract

[Beyond the Food Bank London Food Poverty Profile](#)

Recommendations for action

We recommend that councils continue or take on these actions to develop a local response to food poverty and the factors that drive it.

1. Have a comprehensive plan to reduce food poverty which would include these subsequent recommendations.
2. Have a designated Healthy Start coordinator and an integrated programme of activities to reach a minimum local uptake for 80% uptake.
3. Increase the prevalence of breastfeeding by working towards Unicef UK Baby Friend accreditation.
4. Improve the implementation and uptake of free school meals.
5. Ensure that all children have access to nutritious food 365 days a year.
6. Take action to ensure that statutory provisions for children are sufficient and used to deliver concrete actions to tackle food poverty.
7. Lead on activities to improve physical access to good food by working with planners, retailers and caterers.
8. Reinvigorate provision of meals on wheels, developing a 'more than the meal' approach.
9. Become an accredited London Living Wage employer and contractor, champion the London Living Wage with local employers and become a Friendly Funder.
10. Minimise the burden of Council Tax Payments for residents on low-income.