# A council approach to food and obesity in Newcastle

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#### **Presentation**

Why a city food plan?
Background to the development of the plan
Key components
Next steps

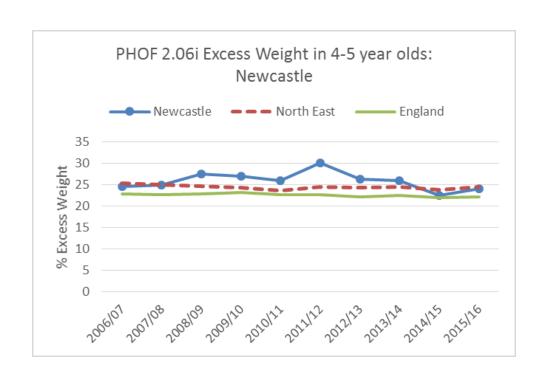


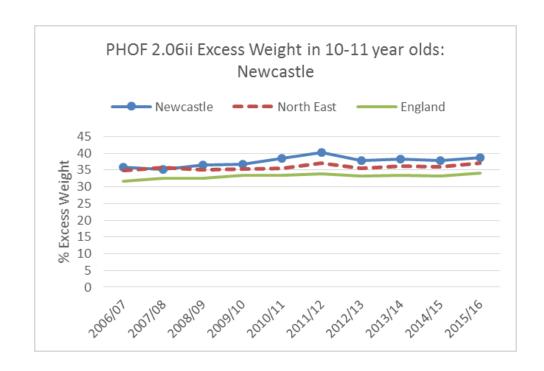
#### **NCC** Priorities

- A working city
- Decent neighbourhoods
- Tackling inequalities
- A fit for purpose council



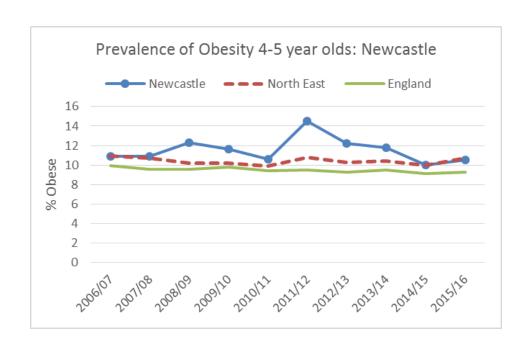
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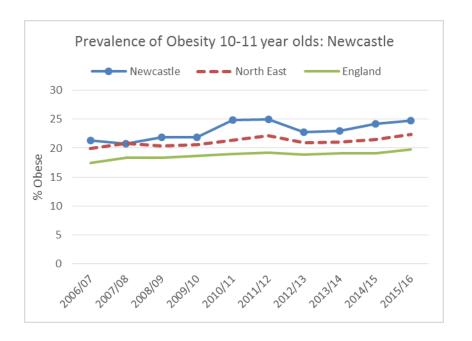






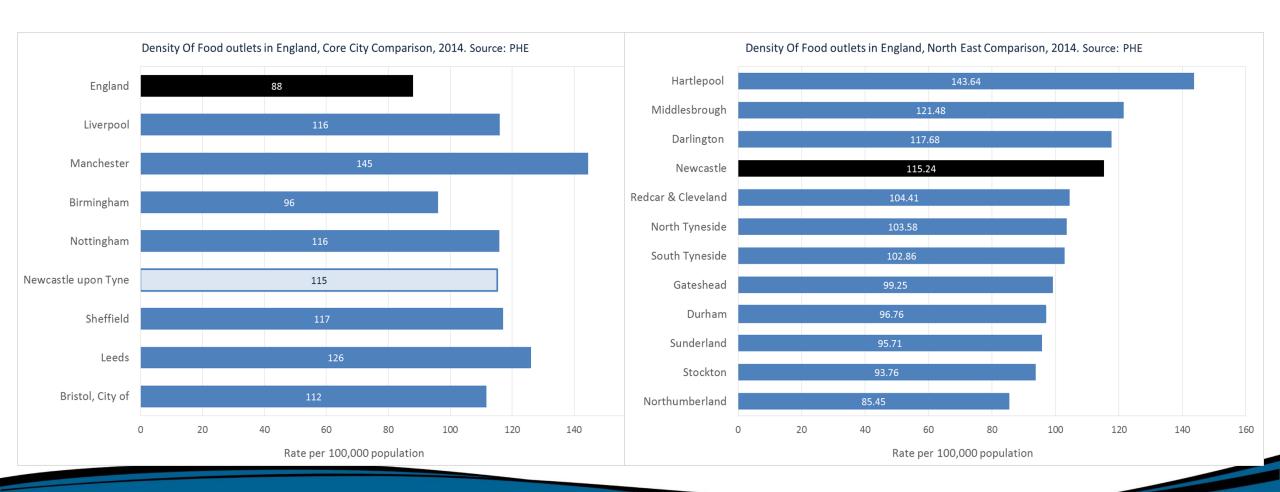
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## **Density of Fast Food Outlets**





### **Sustainable Food Cities**

- Newcastle part of the Sustainable Food City Network
- Food Newcastle Charter
- Food Newcastle Action Plan



# **City Food Plan**

"address the health and well-being of the local population by implementing a range of actions to improve what people eat and drink"



#### **Food Plan**

- Development of a city wide food plan
- Realisation that food is not simply related to the obesity agenda
- Using food as a vehicle to tackle wider issues
- Developed in partnership
- Sustainable Food City programme

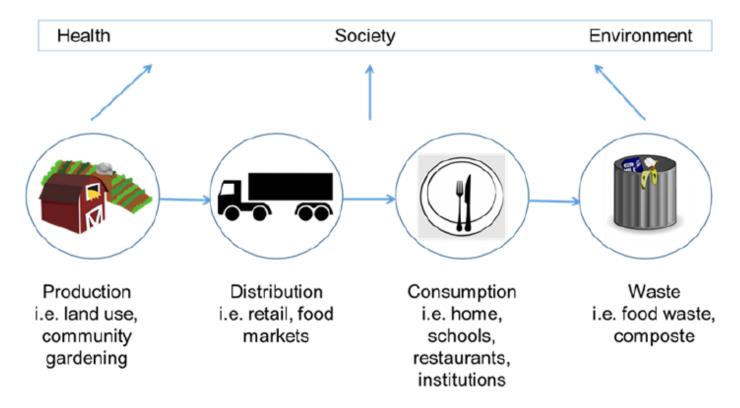


#### **Process**

- Scoping document
- Review of existing plans and strategies
- Interviews with key stakeholders
- Draft plan developed
- Consultation
- Refinement
- Final plan delivered



# Components of the Food System

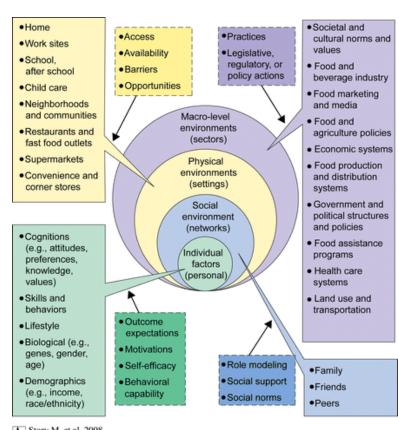


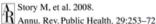
Taken from Newcastle city wide food policy scoping document, Suzanne Spence



# Factors influencing what people eat

- Complex factors
- Action needs to be taken at different levels







#### Main themes

- Diet related ill health and access to good food
- Good food for all: tackling food poverty
- Community food knowledge, skills, resources and projects
- Strengthen the local sustainable food economy
- Transforming catering and food procurement
- Reducing waste and the ecological footprint of the food system
- Approach and partnerships

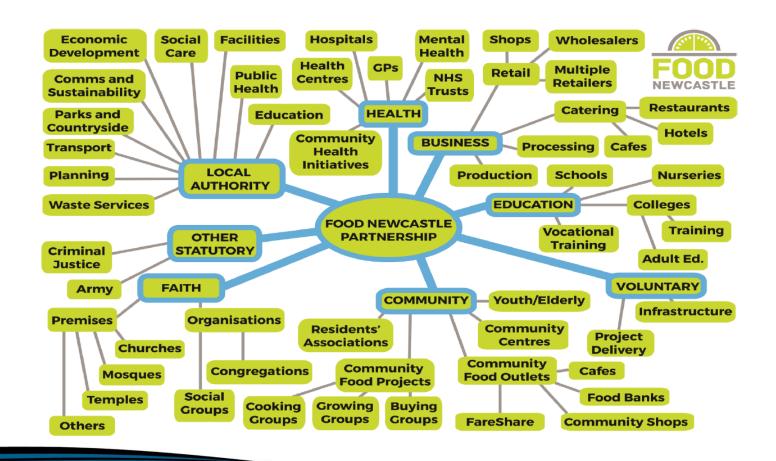


## Links to other plans

- Wellbeing for Life Strategy
- City Health Plan
- Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan
- Hot Food Takeaway SPD



## Stakeholder Analysis





## **Implementation**

- Partnership approach
- Building on previous structures and processes
- Revision of Food Newcastle
- Key priorities for Year 1 identified



## **Implementation**

#### Food Newcastle to oversee implementation of the plan

- Reducing sugar consumption
- Reducing holiday hunger
- Increasing food skills and knowledge
- Establish good food business network
- Establish a strategic food waste group



# Challenges

Funding

Engagement

Scope

