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I write further to your email dated 31 August 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

1. Is there a Cabinet Portfolio holder with responsibility for food poverty?
There is no designated Cabinet Portfolio holder with food poverty as a specific responsibility. However Community Services has the responsibility of supporting this agenda, of which there is a portfolio holder for community services who also chairs the Community Safety Partnership and Staying Healthy Partnership.
2. Is the council part of a Food Partnership or Food Alliance which covers the boundaries of the council?
North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) has links with a number of food cells, partnerships and foodbanks, we help and support these local groups - an example being through the Coalville Food Forum. NWLDC are currently supporting on a wider project being led by Leicestershire County Council looking at the issue of food poverty holistically using a whole systems approach around emergency food support, education, tackling root causes, providing financial advice and support and educating around food waste. Initially this is focusing on the Coalville area with a view to broaden this approach across the district and county.

Stakeholders include, but are not limited to:

- *Leicestershire County Council*
- *The Trussel Trust*
- *NWLDC (Health and Wellbeing, Community Focus and Housing and Waste Services)*
- *A number of emergency food banks*
- *Children and Families Wellbeing Service*
- *Soil Association*

NWLDC are also involved in a pilot (one of two in the UK) with Venner, a company from Finland, which allows families with poor access to food or good quality food to receive boxes of good quality plant based food and learn to cook with it from recipe cards and online access to cooking videos.

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If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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