



Press Release

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Fenland awarded share of new £10million community food programme

Fenland is one of 45 areas across England set to receive a share of the Government's new £10million Good Food Neighbourhoods programme, aimed at improving access to healthy and affordable food.

The announcement, made yesterday (30 September), means Fenland District Council will receive £222,000 to help develop community food initiatives that respond to local needs. Potential projects could include community food shops, mobile greengrocers, pensioner lunch clubs, community kitchens, food hubs, and cooking and nutrition programmes.

The Government said the programme is targeted at areas identified as having some of the highest levels of deprivation and childhood obesity, with the aim of improving access to healthy, affordable food for residents and communities.

Leader of Fenland District Council, Cllr Chris Boden, said: "We welcome the announcement that Fenland has been allocated funding through the Good Food Neighbourhoods programme.

"Once we receive the grant determination letter, funding and accompanying guidance from Government, we will have greater clarity on how the programme can be delivered locally and what it will mean for Fenland residents.

"While this funding will not, on its own, address the longstanding health inequalities experienced in parts of our district, it does provide an opportunity to deliver targeted interventions in an important area and support communities where the need is greatest.

"We look forward to reviewing the guidance and considering how this funding can best benefit Fenland residents."

For more information, read the Government announcement: [Government acts on food insecurity and affordability with £10 million to put good food within reach - GOV.UK](#)

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