



Emily O'Brien Sustainable Food Places



*'Making healthy and sustainable food
a defining characteristic of where people live.'*

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What is a 'Sustainable Food Place?'

- **A cross-sector food partnership**
- **A vision/ strategy/ action plan** for making healthy and sustainable food a defining characteristic of their place
- **coordinated action across a wide range of food issues.**

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A systems approach to food with 6 key issues

	Food Governance and Strategy		Good Food Movement
	Healthy Food for All		Sustainable Food Economy
	Catering and Procurement		Food for the Planet

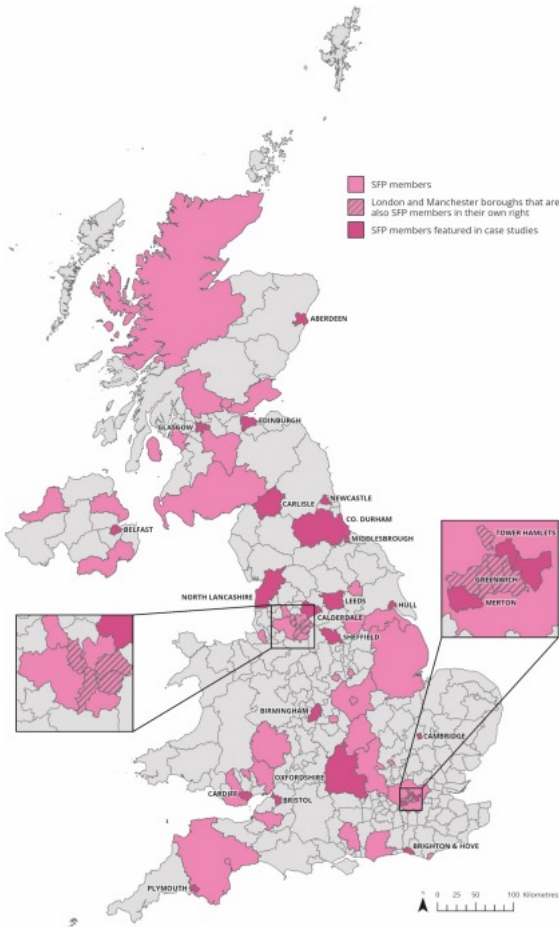
80+ members



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Recent shift to increase rural and especially county coverage – bringing in issues like land use and agriculture and supply chains



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The National Food Picture

- Cost of Living Crisis
- Climate Crisis
- Agricultural transition – and uncertainty
- Government Food Strategy

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Cost of Living Crisis

- **In April, 7.3 million adults live in households that said they had gone without food or could not physically get it in the past month, which include 2.6 million children. This is compared with 4.7 million adults in January.**

- Food Foundation April 2022

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Climate Crisis

Up to 1/3 of global emissions come from food and farming

Around 1/3 of all food produced globally is wasted

The changing climate impacts on agricultural production: challenge to food security when 10% of global population is undernourished

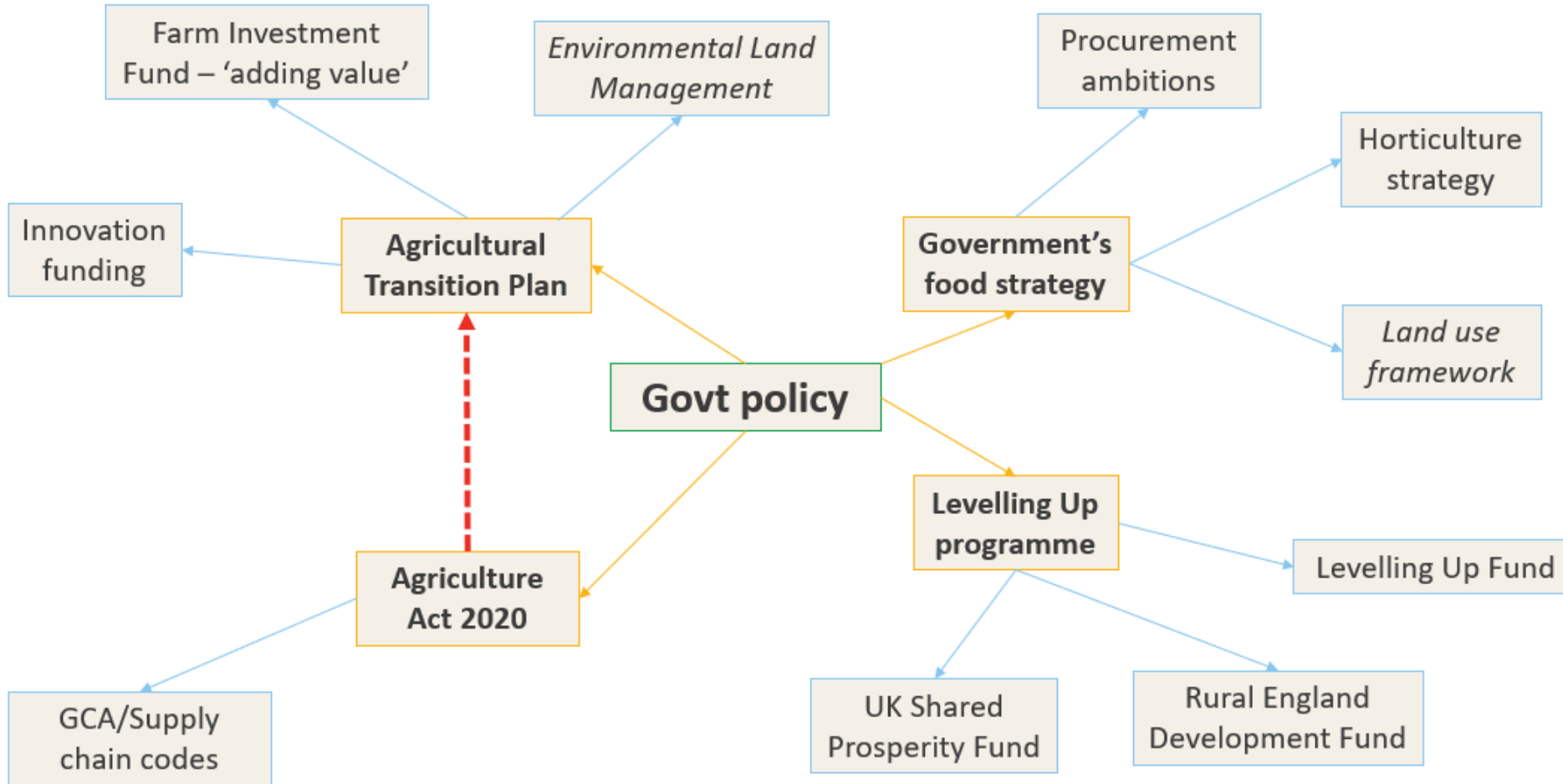
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Agricultural Transition





Government Food Strategy

- Emerged from ‘National Food Strategy’
- ✓ Government Buying Standards (consultation)
- ✓ Land Use Framework 2023
- ✓ Pilots e.g. Veg on Prescription
- Reference to food partnerships
- Current uncertainty

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Evaluation shows that Sustainable Food Places did better- In Covid & beyond

The Value of Local Food Partnerships
Covid and beyond



