

| Glossary of Key Terms

Relevant Authority	In the context of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act, these are defined as the specific public bodies required to produce Local Good Food Nation Plans. They currently include the 14 territorial Health Boards and the 32 Local Authorities. Provision is made in the legislation for Scottish Ministers to extend this list in the future through secondary legislation.
Have regard to 'X'	This legal term means that someone (in the case of GFN, it would be Scottish Ministers or Relevant Authorities) must take 'X' into account, record how this was done and if they decide to depart from it give, and document, clear reasons for doing so.
Secondary legislation	Is also called subordinate or delegated legislation, regulations, or SSIs (Scottish Statutory Instruments). This lets the Scottish Government make changes to laws and keep them up to date. Secondary legislation can give more details about how an Act will operate, including stating when some parts should become law (when a bill is passed, it does not always become law straight away). Secondary legislation has the same legal status as Acts of the Parliament but does not take as long to go through Parliamentary scrutiny. (For more information: About secondary legislation Scottish Parliament Website)
Food system	There are multiple definitions of 'food system'. In the context of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022, the 1st National Good Food Nation Plan defines food systems as 'all the elements (environment, people, inputs, processes, infrastructures, institutions etc) and activities that related to the production, processing, preparation and consumption of food and the outputs of these activities, including socio-economic and environmental outcomes.' (For more information see Annex B of the National Good Food Nation Plan: National Good Food Nation Plan)
Inclusive communication	Inclusive communication aims to ensure effective communication is a two-way process, recognising people need or prefer to communicate in different ways and that these needs and preferences may vary in different circumstances. Scottish Government has standards and indicators of inclusive communication. (For more information about inclusive communication, see the Foundation Inclusive Communication Toolkit: Module 3 - Good practice standards and indicators)

For more other food related terms, see Food Sense Wales and Food 4 Fife's very helpful glossaries of key terms: [Glossary](#) | [Food for Fife](#) and [Glossary of Terms](#) | [Synnwyr Bwyd Cymru](#) Food Sense Wales