What are the short-term priorities (0-3 months) of organisations supporting those experiencing hunger and food insecurity in Liverpool?



Responding to immediate need

- Maintain current levels of support
- Secure short-term funding to enable this
- Provide nutritious food using available funding and support to encourage healthy varied diets (including meat, fruit, veg)
- Develop and promote tailored debt advice to address short-term complexities and concerns

Re-opening

- Develop confidence so people feel they can leave their homes
- Prepare to restart core activities in socially distanced ways
- Start the transition away from a free food parcel model towards encouraging affordable food initiatives (e.g. pantries, community markets, community shops)
- Continue home delivery options where needed (need to address financial inclusion challenges) but also encourage people out of their homes to purchase affordable food

Food partnerships

 Continue to develop local food partnerships / community food networks: build on relationships developed since CV-19

Children and Young people

- Plan and deliver holiday hunger provision during the summer holidays
- Develop further digital inclusion: one respondent noted the need to ensure tablets/stable internet connections are available for schoolwork

Overall

- Prepare for a second wave or local lock downs and ensure procedures are in place to act swiftly
- Secure short-term funding and start looking for longer term funding beyond September 2020
- Provide more-than-food support e.g. activity packs, seed growing initiatives
- One respondent emphasised the need to allow staff time to rest and recharge
- Begin to understand the impact of CV-19 pandemic on Liverpool and local communities through collection of suitable data, a coordinated approach may be needed