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<b>1. Deforestation Free Procurement and Ethical Supply Chains</b>						
<b>1.1. Amend the Social Partnership and Procurement Act to include mandatory deforestation and exploitation-free supply chain standards in the Statutory Guidance.</b>					Ensure that contract bids are scored effectively not just on the bottom line, but on community impact, social value and how they build capacity in Welsh businesses and develop local supply chains.	
<b>1.2. Mandate public bodies to procure food and materials that are deforestation free and ethically and responsibly sourced.</b>	Amend public procurement rules to support Welsh producers.	Public procurement will play a key role in creating stable markets. Welsh schools, hospitals and public institutions should prioritise locally produced food wherever possible. Local food hubs and regional processing infrastructure will strengthen supply chains and keep value within communities.*  Public procurement can transform Welsh food systems. We will prioritise Welsh food produced to high environmental and animal welfare standards in schools, hospitals and public institutions.  Clear guidance will ensure that public sector contracts prioritise local suppliers wherever possible.  Procurement decisions will measure social value, community benefit, fair work and carbon reduction, not just price.	Encourage more people to grow, shop and eat local.  We will aim to increase the amount of Welsh public sector spend on food of Welsh origin by at least 50% by 2030.		Aim to increase the level spent on procuring goods and services from Wales-based suppliers from the current 55% to at least 70% of total Welsh public procurement expenditure – creating upwards of 35,000 jobs.  Use public procurement to better support our food and drink sector, increasing the proportion of publicly procured food that is of Welsh origin from 23% to at least 50%.  Work with partners in local government to train a new generation of procurement officers in best practice in innovative procurement.	<b>BUY LOCAL PROCUREMENT:</b> Welsh farmers should be the preferred food supplier for the public sector. Reform supports favouring local suppliers where it represents value for money, but will not support mandates, quotas, kitemarks, or associated bureaucratic schemes.
<b>1.3. Implement circular economy practices (reduce, reuse, recycle) to lower consumption-related emissions.</b>						

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## 2. Develop a National Food Resilience Plan with Global Impact

**2.1. Create a cross-departmental food strategy that supports local, sustainable “farm to fork” supply chains and ethically sourced imports.**

Through a Welsh Good Food Bill and a national Land Use Framework, we will align food production, climate goals, public health and biodiversity recovery.

We will introduce a Welsh Good Food Bill will provide a long-term statutory framework for transforming the food system.

Together these policies will deliver healthy, affordable food for everyone in Wales, fair livelihoods for farmers and growers, restored ecosystems and thriving rural communities.

Introduce a National Food Strategy for Wales to ensure food security, tackle food poverty and improve the health and nutrition of every family.

Develop a new national Food Strategy for Wales to strengthen food supply chains, improve food security and make greater use of public procurement to support Welsh food and drink producers.

**WORK WITH FARMERS AND FARMERS’ UNIONS TO DEVELOP A TEN YEAR FOOD STRATEGY:** Wales must not become dangerously dependent on imported food. Domestic food production is a matter of national resilience as well as economic strength. Reform will work directly with farmers and farming unions to develop a ten year Welsh food strategy underpinned by legislation and focused on food security, productivity, farm-to-fork supply chains, export growth, and sustainable domestic supply. This will include production baselines for beef, lamb, and dairy. Farmers will be treated as partners in delivery.

**2.2. Expand access to community land for food growing.**

We will introduce a Land Reform Act Cymru and Community Land Fund Cymru to strengthen tenant security and expand community ownership of land.

**2.3. Support local food systems, including horticulture for the production of pulses and more diverse plant proteins and encourage the Welsh public to choose deforestation free and nature friendly foods.**

We will introduce a National Horticulture Strategy to expand domestic production of fruit, vegetables and pulses. Horticulture-specific support payments 27 will reflect the labour intensity and transition costs involved in growing fresh produce. Capital grants will support infrastructure such as polytunnels, irrigation systems, cold storage and local processing.

We will also expand production of pulses and plant proteins, helping reduce reliance on imported feed and supporting healthier diets.

Target and incentivise a progressive increase in horticultural production, with the ambition that 25% of vegetables served in Welsh Schools will be of Welsh origin by 2030.

**2.4. Assist Welsh food businesses to adopt deforestation-free policies and practices using practical tools.**

Give consumers confidence in the food that they eat with honest, clear food labelling that includes strong protections for Welsh produce.

Develop new, official ‘Made in Wales’ branding that provides consumers with clear information on product sourcing and the carbon-cost savings of buying local.

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<p><b>3. Sustainable Farming Reform</b></p>						
<p><b>3.1. Align the new Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS) with deforestation free goals: support farmers to move away from imported soy and palm-based feeds and promote local alternatives such as UK grown legumes and grass fed systems.</b></p>		<p>The UK currently imports large quantities of animal feed linked to deforestation overseas. We will reduce reliance on these imports by supporting home-grown protein crops and diverse pasture systems.</p> <p>We will expand Farming Connect so every farmer can access integrated advice covering productivity, sustainability, climate adaptation and biodiversity recovery.</p>	<p>Continue to develop the Sustainable Farming Scheme to boost sustainable food production and increase support for farmers to tackle the climate and nature emergencies.</p>		<p>We will maintain strong collaboration with the farming community as we implement the Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS), and continue to evolve and refine it – supporting thriving and sustainable farm businesses to produce food, while also progressively delivering key environmental outcomes.</p>	
<p><b>3.2. Promote agroecological practices such as agroforestry, regenerative and organic farming, and climate friendly systems that operate in harmony with the land and reduce the need for imported animal feed.</b></p>		<p>A national Land Use Framework will guide decisions across Wales to balance food production, biodiversity, climate resilience, water protection and community wealth. We need genuine involvement from landowners, small farmers, communities, civil society and business in delivering this with the objective of protecting the best agricultural land for food production while ensuring that woodland creation, renewable energy and nature recovery are planned strategically.</p> <p>Co-created with farmers, it will offer greater clarity to plan long-term investments in soil health, water management, agroforestry and renewable energy on farms.</p> <p>Training and mentoring programmes will support new entrants to farming, while investment in soil health and climate resilient growing practices will strengthen long-term productivity.</p> <p>An Organic Action Plan will aim for 10% of farmland to be organic by 2030, supporting farmers who wish to transition and helping meet growing consumer demand.</p>		<p>Invest an extra £50 million a year to support profitable, sustainable and nature-friendly farming in Wales.</p> <p>We will stand up for Wales’ farmers and ensure that everyone can get affordable, healthy and nutritious food, produced to high welfare and environmental standards.</p>		

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## 3. Sustainable Farming Reform

**3.3. Better oversight of activities in river catchments by including all high input-high output livestock farming in Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR), as well as reducing the threshold at which poultry units fall within EPR, and introducing effective requirements, including in the planning system, to prevent the cumulative effect of multiple livestock units.**

Support should also be offered to transition to lower impact production models, reducing the consumption of soy animal feed used in poultry units (IPUs).

Clean up our rivers and improve bathing water quality, and use modern technology to improve monitoring.

Effective protection requires strong institutions. We will ensure Natural Resources Wales is properly resourced to lead biodiversity recovery, sustainable land management and pollution enforcement. We will strengthen Area Statements to guide local nature recovery and establish the Office of Environmental Governance Wales without delay to provide independent environmental oversight.

We will reduce nutrient pollution by at least 50%, ensure 100% of water bodies are actively monitored by 2027, and strengthen enforcement against pollution offences. We'll deliver better oversight in river catchments including by reducing the threshold for poultry units falling under the Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR).

Advice and support programmes will help land managers prevent pollution before it occurs.

Environmental harm will be monitored alongside pollution incidents so companies cannot ignore long-term damage.

Clean up our rivers and seas by introducing a Clean Water Bill for Wales, creating a new water regulator and funding a dedicated war chest to crack down on the people polluting our rivers.

Reduce agricultural pollution, especially in areas where it harms water quality.

Give Natural Resources Wales the funding and resources it needs to monitor pollution properly and tackle it.

Introduce a 'blue corridor' programme for rivers, streams and lakes to ensure clean and healthy water and setting new 'blue flag' standards.

We will set new and enforceable targets to reduce pollution in our rivers and seas, based on the 'polluter pays' principle and prosecuting serious and serial offenders as necessary.

We will collect more and better data on pollution incidents and work to ensure every water body in Wales achieves a minimum 'good' status - including by moving from the outdated 'farming by calendar' approach on tackling run-offs from agriculture, to a science-led, outcome-based and risk appropriate system that prevents pollution while supporting sustainable farming.

Implement a new science-led, outcomes based and risk-proportionate approach to managing nitrate vulnerability across catchments - moving beyond the outdated 'farming by calendar' approach and supporting farmers to adopt new technologies and practices to reduce agricultural water pollution.

**A WELSH RIVERS ACT:** We will conduct a Wales-wide consultation and develop a strategy to protect our rivers based on global best practice.

Legislation will address sewage discharge accountability, support catchment-wide nutrient management, and reward measurable water quality improvements.

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<p><b>4. Transform School Food and Reduce Ultra-Processed Foods (UPFs)</b></p>						
<p>4.1. Update the Healthy Eating in Schools (Wales) Measure 2009 to include provisions for environmental and social sustainability and restrictions on UPFs.</p>						
<p>4.2. Set targets to reduce UPFs in children’s diets and boost fresh, local, and seasonal plant-based ingredients.</p>		<p>We will enshrine the right to healthy food in law, regulate harmful food environments and use public procurement to support Welsh farmers and deliver fresh, nutritious food in public services. We will treat obesity as a public health challenge, not a personal failing, by making healthy choices easier and more affordable.</p>	<p>Protect young people’s health by restricting sales of energy drinks to under-16s and explore action to create healthier food environments, including using local planning rules to limit hot takeaways around schools and playgrounds.</p> <p>Extend free school meals in secondary schools at least to all households receiving Universal Credit and make school meals healthier and more nutritious.</p>		<p>As part of a wider new national Food Strategy for Wales, we will ensure that school meals are healthier and incorporate more Welsh produce.</p>	
<p>4.3. Engage students in school menu design, cooking, and growing food to strengthen food literacy, involving also the wider school community.</p>					<p>Introduce a whole-school approach to food, with food literacy and cooking a core part of the curriculum, an audit system for school lunches, and the promotion of excellence in school catering.</p>	

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<b>5. Embed Global Citizenship, Climate and Food Education</b>						
<b>5.1. Fund climate education programmes that enable young people to learn more about the importance of tropical forests.</b>		The curriculum should prepare young people for the world they will inherit. We will ensure it combines play and fun with eco-literacy, health and wellbeing education, food literacy and relationships education inclusive of LGBTQIA relationships, alongside civic education that prepares students for democratic participation.				
<b>5.2. Embed practical food education across the curriculum, including regular learning about food production from farm to fork, food preparation and cookery, farm visits, growing projects and time to share nutritious food.</b>	Promote healthy eating and lifestyles throughout the school curriculum.  Ensure that pupils develop essential life-skills such as budgeting, how to manage a home and prepare a healthy meal via the introduction of mandatory Home Economics lessons.				Promote and support community food hubs and initiatives that expand food literacy, and increase the availability and affordability of healthy, locally-produced food.	
<b>5.3. Support teacher training and learning resources on global responsibility, Indigenous Peoples' rights, and sustainable living.</b>						

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## 6. Show Global Solidarity and Support Indigenous Peoples

**6.1. Continue the vital work of the Wales and Africa programme specifically by promoting and supporting tree growing programmes such as the Mbale Trees Programme in Uganda.**

Prevent spending on international development projects, including tree planting in Uganda and solar powered canoes in Peru.  
  
Stop spending on non-devolved matters, such as justice, international affairs, overseas aid and immigration and rule out a Welsh Government funded Universal Basic Income.

**INTERNATIONALISM AND COOPERATION:**  
Wales must play an active role in the wider world. The Green Party believes in international cooperation, peacebuilding and global solidarity.

Ensure Wales is a bold and active player on the global stage, demonstrating the best of our nation and our values to the world. We will continue to show support for people in crisis globally, including as a result of conflict and natural disasters. We will support the Academi Heddwch.

Wales in the world A Plaid Cymru government will be proudly internationalist in outlook, and take its global responsibilities seriously. We will build international relationships based on our values – promoting democracy and social justice, collaborating to tackle climate change, protecting the rights of small nations and minority languages, and advancing peace and cooperation through international institutions. A Plaid Cymru government will take a stand for peace, justice and respect for international law – just as Plaid Cymru took a firm and principled stand on Gaza.

**SCRAP ALL INTERNATIONAL AID SPENDING IN DEVOLVED BUDGETS:** Welsh ministers are pouring money into overseas projects like planting trees in Uganda, while A&E waiting times hit record levels. It makes no sense to spend taxpayers' money on foreign aid whilst infrastructure is crumbling at home. Reform will redirect every pound of foreign aid into Welsh priorities. The Government's first duty is to the people who live here, not to vanity projects overseas.

**6.2. Support Indigenous Peoples through funding and recognition of their rights to protect tropical forests and biodiversity.**

**6.3. Integrate imported deforestation emissions into Wales' carbon footprint and net zero targets.**

**ENDING OFFSHORED ENVIRONMENTAL HARM:**  
The UK currently imports large quantities of animal feed linked to deforestation overseas. We will reduce reliance on these imports by supporting home-grown protein crops and diverse pasture systems. We will also press the UK Government to introduce deforestation-free supply chain legislation, ensuring that food imports do not contribute to environmental destruction abroad.

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		Trade rules must not allow imports produced to lower environmental or welfare standards to undercut Welsh farmers.	Cut carbon emissions to meet the current carbon budget and the next. We will keep our ban on fracking, oppose fossil fuel extraction, and work towards our ambition for a net zero public sector by 2030.	Fight to ensure that all future trade deals meet high health, environmental and animal welfare standards, ensuring that Welsh farmers and food manufacturers are not put at an unfair disadvantage.	<p>Plaid Cymru will embed climate action at the heart of government.</p> <p>Embed decarbonisation, sustainability and environmental protection as cabinet level, cross-cutting responsibilities across all portfolio areas.</p> <p>Working with the Wales Pension Partnership – which pools local authority pension funds and, as of 2025, controls £25bn in assets – to develop a new approach to investing both ethically and locally, including in social housing and Welsh businesses.</p>	



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