
REPORT TO:	HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM:
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SUBJECT:	ALLOTMENT RENTS	DOC:c:\temp\allotmentrents1.doc
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	REF:
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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That Members confirm the proposed price increases in allotment rents

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To confirm allotment rents for 2003/2004

3.0 Executive Summary

3.1 Allotment licenses require that any notification of price changes need a minimum of 3 months notice. It is proposed for 2003/2004 to increase allotment rents by 2.7% giving a new rental rate of £13.00 per plot.

4.0 Detail

4.1 It is a requirement of our license agreements with individual plot holders and allotment associations that 3 months notice needs to be given for any increase in rates. It is therefore proposed to increase annual rental fees by 2.7% as detailed below:

Current Rate	Rate for 2002/2003
£12.65	£13.00

4.2 While the majority of sites continue to have good occupancy levels some sites continue to give cause for concern. Thorntree Lane Allotments became operational again half way through the current financial year, after permission was given to developers to lay a sewer across the site. Members may recall that the developer was required to undertake a certain amount of improvement works at the site in exchange for this permission. Again, Members may recall that Thorntree Lane was one of our most under utilised sites. It is hoped that the improved facilities together with 'take up' from occupants of the new properties surrounding the site will greatly improve the situation

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 Increasing allotment rents based on current occupancy levels would generate an additional Income of £50 per annum.

6.0 Corporate Implications

6.1 None

7.0 Community Implications

7.1 Provision of allotments continues to be a key element of community provision.

8.0 Background Papers

None