



Allotment Report – Smaller Plots

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the last plot holders Annual General Meeting there was a suggestion from a few plot holders that some of the larger plots should be divided to smaller plots. This is due to new tenants not being able to cope with larger plots and subsequently giving them up. It was even suggested that quarter plots should be considered.

2.0 Report Details

- 2.1 The Allotments and Administration Officer proposes that when some of the larger 10 perch plots become vacant that they can be divided into two 5 perch plots. After liaising with the Grounds Manager and the allotment working party, creating quarter plots (2.5 Perch) would be too cumbersome for the following reasons:
- 2.21 Space could be lost in dividing plots as boundaries would need to be marked out and when tenants work their plots they would normally leave some space between the bordering plot, the plots would therefore become very small.
- 2.22 An increased number of plots would require more maintenance for the Grounds Team as a larger plot would enable the grounds team to clear and strim a plot more efficiently instead of going back and forth when more plots would become vacant. In addition, there would be more administration for the Allotments & Administration Officer in terms of invoicing, paperwork and allotment deposits.
- 2.23 The map which is already quite confusing for tenants and even staff will become more confusing from creating many more plots
- 2.24 The Allotments and Administration officer has never had a request for a much smaller plot (2.5 perch)
- 2.25 There is not enough people on the waiting list to warrant quarter plots and they would therefore become more neglected and overgrown

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 Give the Allotments and Administration Officer delegated authority to decide in consultation with the grounds team manager and clerk or deputy clerk which 10 perch plots can be divided into 5 perch plots and amend the map and database accordingly.