

## **CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR MANAGING AND MAINTAINING COUNCIL OWNED ALLOTMENTS**

### **WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?**

Under the Allotments Act 1908, the Council has a duty to provide allotments if requested. The Allotments Act 1922 limits size to a quarter of an acre. The Allotments Act 1925 states “cannot sell or convert without ministerial consent.”

Currently there are 18 Council-owned sites of which 11 are Council maintained and 7 are self-managed. On the Council maintained sites there are 241 plots. The costs associated with the service are for administration, maintenance and utility charges, which are partly offset by the income received.

### **HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL’S OBLIGATIONS?**

The Council fulfils its obligations by providing a range of allotments across the Borough.

### **DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE?**

The proposal is to increase rents and remove the concession rate so that the service moves to breakeven by 2021. This would mean rents rising from the current £54 for a full plot to £170.

### **WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?**

#### **2019/20 budget (£2,570)**

	<b>Budget 2019/20 £</b>
Employee	13,750
Premises*	28,324
Income	(44,565)
Overheads	(79)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(2,570)</b>

\*Premises include water charges of over £10,000 with the remainder covering maintenance and fixtures.