

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)

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

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