

Allotments Clearing Vacant and Unworked Plots

1.0 Background and Introduction

The Facilities and Events Committee have previously considered clearing vacant and unworked allotment plots but decided not to proceed. However, allotment tenants have raised concerns about the condition of the allotment sites and prospective tenants are reluctant to rent heavily overgrown plots.

To provide Councillors with a clear idea of costs and work needed, the following quotes have been obtained.

2.0 Options

2.1 Iver Heath Allotments

- a) To repair damage to the car park surface, caused by a previous tenant driving a dumper truck over soft ground: **£1,800**

- b) To clear overgrown vegetation and debris from vacant plot 24 (plot to the left of the car park): **£800**
It is proposed to split this large plot into two smaller plots generating an annual rent of £90. Rent at the current size is £75 per year.

- c) To clear overgrown vegetation from vacant plot 34 (plot to the left of path in second row): **£300**
Annual rent £45.

- d) To clear overgrown vegetation from plot 30 (plot to the right of path in second row): **£400**
Annual rent £75.

Note: work at 2.1 c) and d) need to be completed together as vegetation will be scraped onto the lower part of the allotment site and allowed to compost.

2.2 Iver Allotments

- a) During the recent allotment inspection Cllr Stanhope and the Business Administrator identified an area of unused and overgrown plots, that if cleared could provide an additional 4 plots.

Quote to clear vegetation from this area: **£2,400**
Approximate annual rent received from 4 new plots £150.

- b) To clear 2 overgrown vacant plots at the lower end of the site: **£1,500**
Note: this quote includes clearing a path for machinery and would also require the work at 2.2 a) to be completed to allow access.

- c) To remove all rubbish from the lower 2 plots: **£600**, plus skip hire.
Annual rent from each plot £30.

3.0 Photographs



2.1 b) Plot 24



2.1 c) Plot 34



2.1 d) Plot 30



2.2 c) Plot 12



2.2 c) Plot 34

4.0 Summary and recommendations

Councillors are requested to consider the issues highlighted within this report and the ongoing and proposed actions and highlight any additional actions to be taken or adjustments to actions that they would like to see made.

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