

Communities Scrutiny Commission

27 February 2024



Agenda item 9: Communities Scrutiny comments on Cabinet report on allotments rents and water charges (time allocation: 15 minutes)

On 5 March, the Cabinet will be considering a report seeking approval of updated rents and water charges for allotments.

Members of the Communities Scrutiny Commission received a detailed briefing on 15 February on the financial and service background to the proposals, including details of the rationale for the proposed increases, the results of benchmarking with other authorities, and the proposed extension to concessions offered.

The 5 March Cabinet report is due to be published on 26 February and will be forwarded to Commission members as soon as available. In the meantime, background information on the proposals is set out in the enclosed slide presentation, as shared with Commission members on 15 February.

At this meeting, the Commission is asked to formulate any comments on the Cabinet report for submission to the Cabinet meeting on 5 March.

Please note: Communities Scrutiny Commission members are aware that further to the recent public consultation, the Council's administration has decided, and communicated widely to stakeholders that other proposed allotment changes, particularly in relation to tenancy rules, are not being taken forward at this time (for background, a copy of the letter sent to allotment stakeholders by the Cabinet member for Public Health and Communities is enclosed).

At this meeting on 27 February, the Communities Scrutiny Commission will solely be commenting on the Cabinet report seeking approval of updated rents and water charges for allotments.



