

## **SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

### **INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD**

The following decision was taken on 21 March 2017 by the Cabinet Member for Environment.

Date notified to all members: Wednesday 22 March 2017

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Tuesday 28 March 2017

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from Wednesday 29 March 2017

1. **TITLE**

Allotment Rent Increase 2018-19

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That:-

(i) the rent for allotments in 2018/19 is increased in line with the current level of inflation, ie.1.8%; and

(ii) the Head of Parks and Countryside be authorised to carry out consultation on a future above-inflation rent increase, as described in the report.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

The recommendation effectively enables us to maintain the status quo.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

Rents could be left at the same level. However due to inflation this would effectively be akin to a reduction in budget. This was rejected because the current allotment budget is not felt to be larger than needed. A reduction would decrease the level of service and site improvements.

Rents could be increased by a larger amount. There was discussion at the allotment advisory group around a larger increase in rent for a specific purpose, e.g. creation of a sinking fund, or a budget allocation specifically for the purpose of promotion of allotments in areas of lower demand. However due to the requirement to give tenants 12 months' notice of any increase in rent, it was felt that there was not sufficient time to develop and consider such proposals thoroughly for 2018/19. They will be re-visited in the future.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, Place

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee