

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: New Communities Portfolio Holder

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CAMBRIDGE FRINGES ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT POLICY

Purpose

1. To seek the New Communities Portfolio Holder's endorsement for the Cambridge Allotments Management Policy, which should be applied to the growth sites around the Cambridge fringes (ie, Southern Fringe, North West Fringe).
2. This is not a key decision.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that the New Communities Portfolio Holder endorse the Cambridge Allotments Management Policy.

Reasons for Recommendation

4. To ensure a consistent approach to the allocation and management of allotments in the growth sites on the fringes of Cambridge that sit partly in the District of South Cambridgeshire and partly within the City of Cambridge.

Background

5. Attached at **Appendix B** is the Cambridge Allotments Management Policy Report and Appendix that was approved by Cambridge City Council's Executive Councillor for Arts & Recreation, which provides further information in relation to the background of the Cambridge Allotments Management Policy. Of particular note is paragraph 4.7 within the Report, and the details set out in the Cambridge Allotments Management Policy **Appendix A**, which explains how allotments will be allocated and managed on the growth sites.

Implications

6.

Financial	Nil
Legal	Nil
Staffing	Nil
Risk Management	Nil
Equality and Diversity	Nil
Equality Impact Assessment completed	Via Cambridge City Council
Climate Change	Nil

Consultations

7. Consultations have been carried out with a number of Allotment Associations and Groups, allotment holders and the general public (see the attached Report).

Consultation with Children and Young People

8. Children and young people were consulted as part of Cambridge City's general consultation. South Cambs District Council Officers will also be incorporating this allotments Report, along with a variety of other issues relating to growth throughout the summer months whilst carrying out engagement activities with children and young people on growth across the District.

Conclusions / Summary

9. Endorsement of the attached Cambridge Allotments Management Policy and Appendix A by the New Communities' Portfolio Holder will ensure a consistent and fair approach to the allocation and management of allotments on the Cambridge fringes growth sites. This will, in turn, help facilitate a sense of community cohesion with those people moving into the new developments knowing that the same policies and standards are applied fairly and consistently across their community.
10. Learning lessons from previous new communities we have learned that it is really important for people to have a sense of belonging and identity at the earliest opportunity. By having policies and standards that are applied to new communities fairly and consistently, it will help ensure that people feel they belong to one whole community that is not divided between two Districts, where new residents may be subject to differing policies and standards.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

Cambridge City Council Cambridge Allotments – A Management Policy and
Cambridge Allotments Policy Appendix A

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