

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Environment Committee

Tuesday 30 May 2023

Decision Report 3

Allotment statistics

Recommendations

The Committee RESOLVE to acknowledge the following information following a request from a Councillor.

Ward

Not Ward Specific

Risk Management

The only financial impact for the Council is the level of rent which the new tenant is invoiced for the plot as it could be pro rata.

Objective

Allotments are seen as another form of exercise for all ages, and which allows tenants to produce fruit and vegetables for a healthier lifestyle.

Report

Officers of BTC are responsible for the allocation of plots on 6 of the 11 sites. The two associations oversee the allocations of plots on the other five sites of which Blyth Smallholdings oversee three and Newsham & New Delaval Allotment Association oversee two.

The timescale for allocating a plot is taking on average 7 to 10 days and this is due to having to arrange viewings around potential new tenants work commitments and availability.

How many Allotment plots do BTC have?

Blyth Town Council have 452 plots across 11 sites.

How many plots are currently vacant?

At the time of writing the report we currently have 3 plots and 1 starter plot vacant, and these are all on the Beatrice New Garden site.

How long does it take to re-let a plot?

It currently takes between 7 to 10 days to re-let a vacant plot this is due to the availability of the new tenants.

Do we know as a comparison the results for the associations?

We are aware that it is taking both associations the same length of time to re-allocate a plot that is given up.

ANALYSIS OF ALLOTMENT INCOME

No of invoices issued - 29/03/23	140
Reminders issued - to pay by 26/05/23	18
Still to pay at 23/05/23	12
Amount collected at 23/05/23	£29,281.25
Amount outstanding at 23/05/23	
Individuals	£1,245.00
NNDAA (finished collecting rent - payment will be made asap)	£9,371.25
	£10,616.25

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General Services Officer**

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