

# Report on the Proposed Allotment Pricing and Concessions Restructure

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## 1.0 Introduction

At a meeting on 28 February 2024, the Facilities & Events Committee considered a report of the Allotment Pricing Working Group. The committee requested the following additional information on which it could base a decision (minute number 430/23):

- a) Pricing for any changes necessary to the allotments IT system to accommodate the proposed pricing structure.
- b) The parish council's actual allotment running costs.
- c) Income analysis of current versus proposed pricing structures.

## 1a Costs for Changes to the Allotment IT System

Edge IT have confirmed they are able to make the required changes, to accommodate a new plot size structure, free of charge.

## 1b Parish Council Allotment Costs

The parish council's costs for running both allotment sites (Iver Recreation Ground and Iver Heath) are as follows:

Annual Allotment Software Licence	£264
Annual Iver Heath Allotment Site Lease	£660
41 Hours Annual Administration at ½ hour per plot (includes staff on-costs)	£830
140 Hours Annual Maintenance (includes staff on-costs but not equipment fuel, consumables or servicing/maintenance)	£2,835
General Maintenance (including one-off skip hire at Iver Heath)	£727
The parish council also currently fund 50% of the water contribution for each of the 23 plots in receipt of a concession, which in financial year 2023-24 totalled	£106
<u>Total</u>	<u>£5,422</u>

## 1c Summary of Allotment Income Analysis

Please see appendix 8a for a full breakdown.

### Iver Recreation Ground Allotments:

Annual Income Current Fee Structure	£1,327.50
Annual Income Proposed Fee Structure	£1,337.50
<u>Income Difference</u>	<u>+ £10.00</u>

### Iver Heath Allotments:

Annual Income Current Fee Structure	£1,905.00
Annual Income Proposed Fee Structure	£1,961.50
<u>Income Difference</u>	<u>+ £56.50</u>

## **2.0 Impact on Tenants Currently Receiving a Concession**

All tenants currently receiving a rental concession would see their rent increase, from £30 per annum, by an additional £9.50 to £39.50 per annum, plus a doubling of their water bill contributions.

## **3.0 Recommendation**

It is recommended that the committee consider the impact of implementing a new pricing structure on the council's allotment income and those tenants currently receiving a concession and decide on how it wishes to proceed.

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