

Report for Nantwich Town Council Policy Committee

Item 6

Date of Meeting: 15th October 2020

Allotment Rent Policy

1. Purpose of Report

To consider recommendations for the development of an Allotment Rent Policy

2. Background

Earlier in 2020 members agreed to work with representatives from the Allotment Association in developing a fair and transparent rent setting policy for all allotments owned and managed by the Town Council.

3. Considerations

The Clerk and Facilities Manager have met with three representatives from the Allotments Association who represent the Brookfield, Wellington Road and Welshman's Lane sites.

The working group has considered rent policies of other local government organisations and are recommending the following:

The rent for an allotment will depend on the size of the plot and band:

Size	Band	Cost
0-100	Band A	£32.00
101-200	Band B	£42.00
201-300	Band C	£52.00
301+	Band D	£62.00

A concession of 10% will be available for allotment holders in receipt of a state pension.

An additional £10 charge per allotment for no parishioners.

Based on these proposals 173 allotment holders would see their rent reduced compared to 2020/21 rents, with 30 remaining the same and only 5 increasing. In addition, based on these proposals the total estimated rental income for the town council would be in line with the income received in 2019/20.

4. Recommendations

4.1 That members consider the draft policy and recommend the adoption to full council.

5. Financial Implications

When developing the policy, the aim was to ensure that the total rent income would not fall below that of 2019/20. These proposals will achieve this.

6. Equalities Impact

The offering of a concession will make it more equitable to those lower income households.

7. Personnel Implications

n/a

8. Environmental implications

The aim of the proposed policy, in addition to it being transparent is to make the take up of allotments more attractive. Allotments provide many environmental benefits to the community.

9. Consultation

The Clerk and Facilities Manager have worked with representatives from the Allotments Association in developing this policy.