

Allotment Concessions

Following on from the last meeting where the proposals to increase the allotment rents were agreed, there was a request to consider the impact that this increase may have on community groups, charities and schools. I have made a comparison of how other councils charge these groups and can find no evidence that they are treated any differently.

However, to make the increase affordable for these groups, I have looked into making a 25% reduction in rate, applicable in April 2017, when the charges will go up. The following table demonstrates the charges year on year:

Date Applicable	Standard Charge	Reduced Charge	Price per M2	Price per week
Year 1 – April 2017	£35.00	£26.25	£0.10	£0.50
Year 2 – April 2018	£52.50	£39.38	£0.15	£0.75
Year 3 – April 2019	£70.00	£52.50	£0.21	£1.01
Year 4 – April 2020	Increased in line with inflation			

There are currently 4 groups that will be offered the concession rate, who between them tend 13 plots in total. We aim to write to all tenants of all plots to inform them of the rise in charges, providing the required 12 months notice, by the end of March 2016.