

Scrutiny Review of Allotments

Report by the Executive Head of Corporate Strategy

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 An Overview and Scrutiny Working Group was set up to undertake a review into allotments in Worthing which has now completed its review. The Cabinet Member is requested to receive the report and agree the recommendations.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a review of allotments as part of its 2010/11 Work Programme and a Working Group of five Councillors has undertaken the review between June and December 2010. The Working Group's report and recommendations are attached for consideration by the Cabinet Member (Appendix 1). The recommendations were agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 18 January 2011.
- 2.2 The review was set up to address how the Borough could better utilise existing and future allotment plots, developing a new allotments policy and investigating the possibility of cost neutral plots and a cost neutral allotments service.

3.0 Proposal

- 3.1 The Cabinet Member is requested to consider the report and recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee together with advice which has subsequently been received from the Executive Head of Leisure and Cultural Services on those recommendations.

4.0 Legal

- 4.1 Under Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the power to do anything to facilitate or which is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of their functions.

4.2 Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 (2000 Act) empowers the Council to do anything which they consider is likely to achieve any one or more of the following objects-

- (a) The promotion or improvement of the economic well-being of their area;
- (b) The promotion or improvement of the social well-being of their area; and
- (c) The promotion or improvement of the environmental well-being of their area.

The power may be exercised in relation to or for the benefit of-

- (a) The whole or any part of a local authority's area; or
- (b) All or any persons resident or present in a local authority's area.

5.0 Financial implications

5.1 The financial implications are included in the Working Group's report.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 That the Cabinet Member for Clean and Green Environment considers the views and recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Local Government Act 1972 Background Papers:

Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee and minutes from the meeting on 18 January 2011

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Schedule of other matters

1.0 Council Priority

1.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

2.0 Specific Action Plans

2.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

3.0 Sustainability Issues

3.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

4.0 Equality Issues

4.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

5.0 Community Safety issues (Section 17)

5.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

6.0 Human Rights Issues

6.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

7.0 Reputation

7.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

8.0 Consultations

8.1 Matter considered and consultations undertaken.

9.0 Risk assessment

9.1 Any areas of risk are identified within the attached report.

10.0 Health & Safety Issues

10.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

11.0 Procurement Strategy

11.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

12.0 Partnership working

12.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.