

Allotment Management Working Group Update

04 July 2023

OVERVIEW

Notices to Quit and the new Tenancy Agreements have been issued to all allotment holders.

Allotment holders were invited to a meeting with the Working Group on Monday 03 July.

The Landlord has been contacted regarding permission to have a water supply on the allotment.

Thames Water have been asked to provide a quotation for a water connection.

NOTICE TO QUIT AND NEW TENANCY AGREEMENT

A Notice to Quit and a new Tenancy Agreement has been issued to all allotment holders.

The new Tenancy Agreement includes the increase in rent agreed by Council, an agreement to pay for a share of the water (if installed), and a requirement to cultivate 75% of the plot.

Nine agreements have been signed and returned to date.

MEETING WITH ALLOTMENT HOLDERS

A meeting was held with allotment holders on Monday 03 July 2023. Eight plots were represented.

Topic discussed included: the proposal for a water supply, the new tenancy agreements, the condition of plots and the proposed plot inspection system, plot sizes, concerns about some tenants reportedly sub-letting plots and the need for new allotment number posts.

WATER PROJECT

Landlord

The Landlord's representative has approved the water supply plan and Council's resolutions regarding responsibility for the water.

A formal letter needs to be written listed the Council's requests and responsibilities.

Thames Water

A quotation for the water supply has been requested.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

- To delegate authority to the Clerk to purchase posts and numbers to create new number posts for the plots.
- To delegate authority to the Clerk to draft the formal letter of Council's request and responsibilities for Council approval, and to send the letter once approved.
- To delegate authority to the Working Group to work on the water supply project, and investigate requirements required outside of the work of Thames Water.