

Appendix 2

Meeting:	Cabinet/Commissioner Decision Making Meeting
Date:	9 th July 2018
Report Title:	Allotments Self-management
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ALLOTMENT SITE AUDIT RESULTS

1. General

- As part of the review of the allotment service provided by the Council's Culture, Sport and Tourism Service, an audit of Council-owned allotment sites has been undertaken.
- The purpose of the audit was to identify the size of each site, the standard of facilities and infrastructure on each, and any liabilities.
- The audit was carried out in late 2017 and early 2018. It was led by the Allotments Officer, and includes supplementary data supplied by allotments societies.
- Separate figures for society sites and directly managed sites are shown along with the totals across all sites. Where appropriate, figures are also given for inactive sites.

2. Results

2.1 Number and size of sites

	RMBC - active	RMBC - inactive	Society	Total
number of sites	13	4	13	30
total area (sq metres)	167750	37004	255604	460358
% area cultivatable	74.3%	0.0%	68.2%	64.9%
number of plots	515	0	592	1107

2.2 Plot Letting status (February 2018)

	RMBC	Society	Total
Total number of plots	515	592	1107
% plots let	77.5%	92.7%	85.6%
% plots unlettable	11.3%	1.4%	6.0%
% plots vacant	11.3%	5.9%	8.4%

2.3 Waiting lists (February 2018)

	RMBC	Society	Total
Number on waiting lists	66	53	119
No. waiting where plot vacant	20	5	25

2.4 Site security/boundaries

	RMBC - active	RMBC - inactive	Society	Total
Total length boundary (m)	6927	2172	8795	17894
% boundary fence not present	19.4%	31.0%	22.0%	22.1%
% boundary fence mostly/poor	21.0%	32.8%	20.2%	22.1%
% boundary fence mostly/good	59.5%	36.2%	57.7%	55.8%
Total number of gates	29	2	35	66
Number of gates mostly/poor	6	0	4	10
Number of gates mostly/good	23	2	31	56

2.5 Access ways and car parking

	RMBC	Society	Total
Total length tracks and paths (m)	4127	6603	10730
% tracks and paths mostly/poor	44.3%	25.9%	33.0%
% tracks and paths mostly/good	55.7%	74.1%	67.0%
Total number of parking spaces	36	57	93
Plots per parking space	14.3	10.4	11.9

2.6 Buildings

	RMBC	Society	Total
Total number of buildings	21	147	168
Plots per building	24.5	4.0	6.6
number of buildings mostly/poor	3	9	12
number of buildings mostly/good	18	138	156

2.7 Water and electricity

	RMBC - active	RMBC - inactive	Society	Total
% sites with water supply	61.5%	0.0%	76.9%	60.0%
% sites with electricity supply	0.0%	0.0%	46.2%	20.0%
number of water taps	61	0	30	91
plots per water tap	8.4	n/a	19.7	12.2

2.8 Liabilities

	RMBC - active	RMBC - inactive	Society	Total
area heavily overgrown (sqm)	9562	10322	6040	25924
area moderately overgrown (sqm)	6052	13837	6946	26835
area with Japanese Knotweed (sqm)	33	0	123	156
area with rubbish to be cleared (sqm)	2897	9104	0	12001
area prone to flooding or waterlogging (sqm)	1728	0	4936	6664
area with no soil cover (sqm)	187	0	0	187
% total site area with liabilities	12.2%	89.9%	7.1%	15.6%