

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL



POLICY

ALLOTMENTS

1.0 GENERAL

- 1.1 Ferryhill Town Council values the provision of allotments to the people of Ferryhill as it provides a healthy pastime for local residents and increases the sustainability of the Town.
- 1.2 Ferryhill Town Council wishes to provide sufficient allotments for all areas of the Town to ensure that they are reasonably available to all local residents.
- 1.3 New tenants will only be permitted to rent one plot in their first year, in their second year subject to satisfactory maintenance of their first plot they may rent a second plot, thereafter no tenant may rent more than two plots except for those who held more than two plots on 1 April 2008.

2.0 SELF MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 The Town Council encourages all of its allotment sites to become self managing as this is beneficial to all parties and leads to a better quality of allotment provision as per the guidelines for the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardens.
- 2.2 The Town Council will provide such assistance as it is able with the regeneration of self managed sites, such as assisting with grant applications, and organising work via the local probation service.
- 2.3 The general day to day management and maintenance of allotment sites that are self managed however is the sole responsibility of the Allotment Association.
- 2.4 The Town Council collects a rent from self managed sites, but this is all placed into a ring fenced pot of money which is then available to allotment associations to apply for to use for match funding for regeneration projects.
- 2.5 Self managed sites must operate in strict compliance with the Town Councils Self management lease to the Allotment Association.

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY SITE MAINTENANCE

- 3.1 The Town Council will draw up a list of improvements for each allotment site in full consultation with the Allotment Association for that site.
- 3.2 The list of works will then be used when applying for grants or allocating work to the local probation service
- 3.3 Two liaison meetings will be held per annum with 2 representatives from each of the self managed sites.
- 3.4 The Town Council does not provide water to allotment sites this is the sole responsibility of the Allotment Association.
- 3.5 Plot holders are responsible for the maintenance of footpaths and road adjacent to their plot as per the tenancy agreement.