

Open Spaces Strategy – Appendix 1: Implementation Plan

Allotments (refer to 2.7 of the Open Spaces Strategy)

No.	Policy	What we have done...	Next Steps	Lead Person/s	Time frame
a) plus action 1	Continue to work with the Allotment Federation to become more financially self-sufficient wherever possible and practicable.	<p>Met with Allotment Federation and presented open spaces strategy at their AGM in March.</p> <p>Second meeting with the Allotment Federation representatives in April with PC and RW generated a range of actions for both parties to complete.</p> <p>Small savings have been delivered for this year, positive discussions with the allotment federation.</p>	<p>i. Set up meeting with Allotment Manager, Cityparks and Allotment Federation to explore finance reducing options.</p> <p>ii. As water is one of the key expenditures for allotments a workshop has been proposed to look at this issue.</p> <p>iii. During this year we will be trialling a number of innovative budget saving methods proposed by the allotment federation.</p>	DC AF Cityparks	June ongoing
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2	Review the existing Allotment Strategy principles and objectives to reflect the ongoing dialogue with the Allotment Federation. EQ	RW and PC met with Allotment Federation Representative and agreed a new format to increase the accountability of delivering the allotment strategy.	a) PC and or RW to attend new Site Rep meetings in the future to ensure greater consistency across all of our sites, assist the Allotment Officer to implement the Allotment Strategy.	AF Cityparks	June onwards
3	Draw up a programme to reduce water leaks at allotment sites.	<p>Working with the Allotment manager and Energy and Water team to look at reducing leaks. A number of leaks have been found and fixed and a number of water meters installed to better understand water use on each site.</p> <p>PPT has been working with DC, Water and Energy team to reduce leaks across allotments and have water meters installed.</p>	<p>a) Identify where further investment is needed to repair outdated and failing water systems.</p> <p>b) Property Services to measure cost savings looking at water bills over the year.</p>	AF Cityparks Property Services	June -Dec Annual Jun 2017–

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		<p>Met with Allotment Federation and Community Works to update them on our programme of water leak repairs.</p> <p>Met with water engineer with experience within the water industry who is a member of the Allotment Fed who has offered his services for free to look at how we could identify leaks, water behaviour patterns and possible solutions.</p> <p>All significant water leaks on the site tested have been repaired, except where one is inaccessible.</p>	c) Set up series of meetings with Allotment Manager, Cityparks and Allotment Federation to explore options and opportunities. Proposals to be agreed at Forum March 2019.		Mar 2019
4.	Work with allotment holders to explore water-saving opportunities.	As above	a) Work with Allotment Fed and members to tackle wasteful water use by members. Investigate possible grants to fund water saving devices on sites.	As above	Mar 2018 onwards