

Brief for Scrutiny**ACTIVE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

<p>Topic to be Scrutinised</p> <p>Allotments Service – Review of Policy</p>
<p>Questions to be Addressed</p> <p>Does the proposed policy consider acceptable options to reduce the cost of the service and progress local management of allotment sites?</p>
<p>Outcome</p> <p>To ensure that sufficient consultation with relevant stakeholders takes place and that a revised charging structure for allotments is developed.</p>
<p>Background Materials</p> <p>(1) Previous report to Cabinet (2) Consultation plan</p>
<p>Evidence and Witnesses</p> <p>(1) Portfolio Holder for Environment and Recycling (2) Portfolio Holder for Culture and Active Communities</p>
<p>Method of Scrutiny</p> <p>Members of Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider proposed review of allotment policy, including the consultation plan and charging structure, and provide a view on its scope and content.</p>
<p>Timetable</p> <p>12-month lead in period from the date of approval of the proposed policy to formal adoption.</p>
<p>Constraints</p> <p>Staff and budget resource availability to develop and refine the policy within the agreed timescale and to the proposed scope and content. Any proposed amendments or additions to the policy may impact on the ability to deliver it within the currently proposed timescale and with the resources currently available.</p>
<p>Members to Undertake the Scrutiny</p> <p>Members of the Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>
<p>Support</p> <p>(1) Executive Director – Operational Services (2) Head of Operations (3) Community Manager (4) Technical Assistant</p>

Newcastle Borough Council Corporate Plan Priority Area(s)

- Creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough
- Creating a healthy and active community

CfPS Objectives:

- Enables the voice and concerns of the public to be heard
- Is carried out by independent governors who lead and own the scrutiny role
- Drives improvement in public services

Brief Approved by Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

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