

**Report to Active and Cohesive Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Allotments Service Review Scrutiny Working Group
Progress Report**

The Allotments Service Review Scrutiny Working Group (comprised of 6 members and chaired by Cllr George Cairns, Chairman of the Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee) held it's first meeting on 30th January 2013.

At the meeting, the group agreed it's work plan in relation to the allotments service review, comprising a series of themed meetings over the course of this calendar year to consider 3 key lines of enquiry: Local Management, Meeting Future Demand, Reducing Future Costs.

To date the group has received presentations and information on the following areas:

- Legal framework and implications
- Current costs and charging options
- Tenancy agreements

Future meetings will cover the following topics:

- Demand and provision options
- Consultation
- Site visits
- Local management
- Meeting future demand
- Reducing current costs
- Review and analysis

It is intended to produce a draft policy by December 2013/January 2014.

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