

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 26 February 2021 by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure.

Date notified to all Members: Friday 26 February 2021

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Thursday 4 March 2021

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from Friday 5 March 2021

1. **TITLE**

Allotment Rent Increase for 2022/23

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That the rent for allotments in 2022/23 is increased in line with inflation, taken as 2%.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

The recommendation to increase the rents in line with inflation effectively enables the maintenance of the status quo.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

Rents could be left at the same level. However due to inflation this would effectively be akin to a reduction in budget. This was rejected because the current allotment budget is not felt to be larger than needed. A reduction would decrease the level of service and site improvements.

Rents could be increased by a larger amount, or pricing could be changed in some way other than a small percentage increase across the board. However, based on the results of the consultation questionnaire in January 2018 and discussions at the Allotment Advisory Group, an increase in line with inflation at 2% has emerged as the overall preferred option otherwise it could deter people from renting allotments.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Director of Culture, Parks and Leisure

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee