

AGENDA ITEM 15

ALLOTMENTS

At its meeting on 9 October 2018, Full Council approved a recommendation of LTGS Committee to set up a Working Group to look at allotment sites and appointed Cllr Nelson and Cllr McCready to that Working Group.

The Working Group has met has set as its remit -

- Look again at the Snowberry Hill allotment site and make recommendations to Full Council or LTGS Committee as to whether to progress the Lease with AVBC and the work required to make this site suitable for allotments
- Look at other alternatives – Derwent Side. This site is supported by the NPWG. Evaluate and make a Recommendation to Full Council/LTGS Committee in respect of starting negotiations to acquire such a site
- Put a call out for possible sites and evaluate these and make a Recommendation to LTGS Committee or Full Council in relation to these sites
- To evaluate the sites against the attached criteria

In order to progress the Working Group made 3 recommendations to Full Council

1 A contractor is appointed to undertake soil sampling at the Snowberry Hill proposed allotment site. Quotations have been requested and the Clerk will review these at the Full Council meeting with the intention of Council appointing a contractor to undertake this work.

2 To delegate to the Clerk to make a pre application planning application for allotments between the A6 and the Derwent River. If Planning Permission is unlikely – due to the flood risk – this will eliminate this area for possible allotment sites

3 For the Clerk to put a request/call out to land owners for possible allotment sites

The work above is not budgeted for – therefore the costs will be met by contingency budget

Criteria to Assess the Sites

- Likelihood of planning permission
- Anticipated Community/residents support
- Distance away from existing allotments
- Funding Sources – S106
- Parking availability
- Soil quality
- Little environmental impact - flooding
- Accessible for all
- Extent of groundworks required
- Ease to acquire