

Agenda Item 8

Allotment Rent & Water Increases:

Rent:

The Council did not increase the rents last year and there has not been a rent increase for several years. If the Council wishes to continue with upgrades to infrastructure on Allotment sites, then increases need to be realistic to help fund these works. The Clerk suggests setting an increase of 20% on the rent element of allotment fees for the year 2027-28 this will increase most allotment rents by around £9 per year.

Water:

Last year the water element of the allotment charges was increased from £15.00 to £17.00 to cover increased charges the previous year. The total Water Rate collection from allotments was £2345.00 and the bills up to the end of March 2026 are £2247.70. The expected increase for this year is around 10% and although there is a surplus of £97.50 the shortfall will be around £50.00 dependant on the weather conditions through the growing season.