
Agenda Item: Newland Allotments – Replacement Sheds

Meeting Date: Monday, 7th July 2025

Contact Officer: Deputy Town Clerk

Background

As part of ongoing site maintenance, the installation of replacement fencing to the north of the Newland allotment site in the existing fence line has previously been agreed.

Current Situation

To enable access to the location, three sheds will need to be relocated. However, they are unlikely to withstand the move and will need to be demolished.

The Witney Allotment Association has requested that the Council consider covering the cost of purchasing three new sheds, given that their removal and demolition is necessitated by the planned works.

Impact Assessments

The Town Council has a duty to consider the effects of its decisions, functions and activities on equality, biodiversity, and crime & disorder. Consideration should also be given to effects on the environment, given the Council's Climate Emergency declaration in 2019.

- a) Equality – no impact.
- b) Biodiversity – there may need to be some minor vegetation work required to complete this task.
- c) Crime & Disorder – no impact.
- d) Environment & Climate Emergency – the new sheds should last many years at the site.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

Social Value

Social value is the positive change the Council creates in the local community within which it operates.

Financial implications

- The cost of providing the three sheds is judged to be approximately £300. This can be covered from the Allotments earmarked reserve.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and;

1. Consider the request for replacement sheds from the Witney Allotment Association.