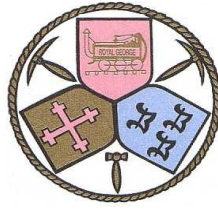


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12th January 2023

Dear Allotment Secretary/Allotment Holder

Consultation: Revised Allotment Tenancy Agreement

The Town Council has reviewed the current Allotment Tenancy Agreement and has committed to undertake a comprehensive consultation exercise with Allotment Site Secretaries and individual allotment holders for sites which do not have Site Secretaries on the proposed changes to the Tenancy Agreement.

I would draw your attention to the following key elements of the revised Agreement: -

- **Eligibility for an allotment plot** – must be 18 years and reside within the Parish of Shildon
- **Animals** – Permitted animals are hens and rabbits only (Cockerels not permitted) This has been in force from 1st April 2009. Where a tenant had an allotment plot prior to April 2009 and animals were present at that time they are allowed to remain until a change of tenancy.
- **Vehicles** – there will be a ban on vehicles being kept on plots
- **Criminal activities and/or aggressive actions** – the tenancy could be ended if the tenant is involved in such activities
- **Vermin** – tenants will be responsible for vermin control on their plots
- **Bonfire/burning** – no burning during the period 1st April to 30th September inclusive

The draft revised agreement and supporting documentation is attached to enable you to consult with your individual allotment holders.

or

The draft revised agreement and supporting documentation can be viewed on our website www.shildon.gov.uk or a paper copy can be requested and sent by email or post.

The closing date for comments is 3rd March 2023.

For information purposes, the Council has considered allotment rents as there has not been an increase since 2009. Rents for allotment plots will be increased to £10 per plot, per annum with effect from 1st April 2024.



There are a number of ways by which you can comment: -

- Contact us by email: council@shildon.gov.uk
- Individual tenants – drop in from 9.30am – 3pm on 21st February 2023 at the Town Council Offices
- Allotment Society Secretaries/representatives – by appointment only

Your responses will be considered by the Town Council as part of the final consideration of the revised Allotment Tenancy Agreement.

Yours faithfully

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