

Report Statement

Report Purpose:

Allotment Rent Report and Proposal

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Background:

There are three council-managed allotment sites:

- Park Grove, South Park
- Knowsley Road
- Springfield Road

There is a very low rental payment of 0.16p per square meter. A comparison has been carried out with other allotment sites such as Moss Lane and Byrons Lane and both these sites charge 0.18p per square meter. Birtles Road charge a flat fee of £50 per plot. Wilmslow charge 0.20p per meter.

The table below shows the income received in 2021/22 along with the increase in rent that would be achieved from raising the rate the per square meter rate.

Current rental figure 2021/22 £752.77

Increase to £0.18 sq m £1090.14

Increase to £0.20 sq m £1238.19

In addition, there is a discount of 50% applied to those over 60. Currently 9 plot holders receive this benefit. This has resulted in some smaller plots at Springfield Road costing as little as £2.95.

There is currently no consistent pricing approach, with the associations doing their own thing. Raising the rate is not about making money from the sites as they are a community asset but would contribute more towards maintenance costs.

Potential tenants have always been surprised by how low the rent is.

Proposal

To consider 2 changes:

1. Increasing the rental payment from 0.16p to either 0.18p or 0.20p per square meter across all three managed sites.

2. Reducing the overgenerous discount to the over 60s from 50% to 25%.