Welcome!
Allotment Strategy Consultation Event
13 November 2013
Allotment Strategy:

A Vision ....

- Enjoyable
- Inclusive
- Sustainable
- Affordable
Allotment Strategy:

AIMS....

- Quality Food
- Numbers enjoying allotments
- Accessible land
- Promoting biodiversity
- Cooperation ....not conflict
Allotment Strategy:

THE BIG ISSUES ....

- WAITING LIST
- CHOICE OF SIZE
- WHO PAYS WHAT
- WHO CARES
Waiting List Survey: Over 900 responses

- WAITING FOR ALLOTMENTS
  1927 or 828?

- CHOICE OF PLOT SIZE
  - COMPACT  22 %
  - HALF PLOT  55 %
  - FULL PLOT   18 %
Plot holders Survey: Over 900 responses

WHO PAYS WHAT?

- Council meets shortfall
  - Agree 35%
  - Strongly agree 40%
- Rent increase for all
  - Strongly disagree 34%
  - Disagree 34%
- Rent increase (Protecting Concessions)
  - Strongly disagree 28%
  - Disagree 24%
- Saving money ideas
  - 290 suggestions!
## Benefits of Allotments

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<tr>
<th>Benefit</th>
<th>Strongly Disagree</th>
<th>Disagree</th>
<th>Neither</th>
<th>Agree</th>
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<td>I’m able to eat healthy food</td>
<td>0.4% (3)</td>
<td>0.6% (4)</td>
<td>1.6% (11)</td>
<td>32.1% (223)</td>
<td>65.3% (453)</td>
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<td>My food is grown with low environmental impact</td>
<td>0.6% (4)</td>
<td>0.0% (0)</td>
<td>5.8% (40)</td>
<td>35.5% (244)</td>
<td>58.1% (399)</td>
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<td>It saves me money on my food bill</td>
<td>2.0% (14)</td>
<td>10.9% (75)</td>
<td>20.6% (142)</td>
<td>36.3% (250)</td>
<td>30.1% (207)</td>
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<td>I’m am more aware of nature and the environment</td>
<td>0.4% (3)</td>
<td>1.6% (11)</td>
<td>8.5% (58)</td>
<td>42.4% (291)</td>
<td>47.1% (323)</td>
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<td>I can meet and socialise with people of different ages and backgrounds</td>
<td>1.5% (10)</td>
<td>4.9% (34)</td>
<td>18.5% (127)</td>
<td>49.6% (341)</td>
<td>25.5% (175)</td>
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<td>To improve mental health / provide stress relief</td>
<td>0.6% (4)</td>
<td>1.3% (9)</td>
<td>5.5% (38)</td>
<td>39.2% (271)</td>
<td>53.4% (369)</td>
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<td>General exercise</td>
<td>0.6% (4)</td>
<td>0.3% (2)</td>
<td>3.5% (24)</td>
<td>44.9% (308)</td>
<td>50.7% (348)</td>
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A powerful impact...

- overall health and happiness:
  - 94% reported improved mental health/ stress relief
  - 96% important for exercise
- People with disabilities saw greater benefit for compared to those people without disabilities.
- the unemployed drew particularly high benefits compared to others

- “Having an allotment has helped me immensely with Depression and has brought purpose and much pleasure to my life"
Fair Access...

Fair rules...

Fair Shares...
Your chance to say more...

- Info & Discussions all around the room

- “it gives one a different outlook on life. I have become more aware of my environment in the city and it brings a feeling of ... community.”
Thank You!

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