



# 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

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

# 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...



- “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.”
- Info & Discussions all around the room



# Thank You!

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