**Full Council Meeting**

**Date: 3rd April 2025**

**Number: FC139**

**To consider increasing the annual rental for allotments**

# Introduction

Currently we have not implemented an increase for Whitemans Green and Courtmead Road allotments. Currently we charge £5 per rod per annum. A Rod equals 25 square metres and we have allotments that vary from 2.5 rods to 8 rods.

Research has been carried out with Lindfield, Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill to establish what they are charging per annum.

# Burgess Hill

These are their allotment rental charges for 2025/2026, this has increased by 3% this year, they don’t charge by the rod they charge dependant on plot size and have a discounted rate for over 65’s.

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| Size Rods | Rental Charge | Over 65 years | Size Sq m |
| 6 | £67.28 | £41.08 | 151.50 |
| 5 | £56.07 | £34.24 | 126.25 |
| 4.5 | £50.78 | £31.63 | 113.80 |
| 4.25 | £49.74 | £31.16 | 107.40 |
| 4 | £48.71 | £30.68 | 101.00 |
| 3.5 | £44.75 | £28.54 | 88.50 |
| 3.25 | £43.15 | £27.87 | 82.12 |
| 3 | £41.67 | £27.13 | 75.75 |
| 2.75 | £38.18 | £25.27 | 69.58 |
| 2.5 | £35.71 | £24.05 | 63.13 |
| 2.25 | £33.16 | £22.84 | 56.80 |
| 2 | £31.87 | £22.24 | 50.50 |
| 1.5 | £27.87 | £20.17 | 37.88 |
| 1.25 | £25.32 | £18.90 | 31.56 |
| 1 | £22.78 | £17.62 | 25.25 |

# Lindfield

Currently they charge £6 per rod. From 1st April 2025, this will be increasing to £7 per rod.

They will be recommending to their Council that there will be another increase to the plot rates for 2026/27.

# Haywards Heath

# Haywards Heath increase their allotment rents every year, usually based on the rate of inflation, so this year they have gone up 3%.

# They converted their measurements to metric due to EU legislation a few years back, so charge per m² therefore a rod would equate to £11.75 per annum.

# Recommendation

# Cuckfield allotment holders have already been invoiced for the current year. As per our terms and conditions, we are required to provide a one-year notice for any rental increases.

# It is recommended that the annual rental be increased to £8 per rod for the 2026-2027 period. It is also recommended that future rental increases should align with inflation rates and be discussed annually to establish the percentage increase.

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