

Allotment Management Options

Self Management

- A properly constituted Association comprising of allotment holders may seek to manage their allotment site independently of the council's allotment service.
- The Council will remain as the landlord and the site be leased to the Association at a peppercorn rent for an agreed period.
- The Association will be responsible for the setting and collection of rents and the entire running costs and management of the site.
- No financial contribution will be made by the council for the duration of the lease.
- Association would be able to seek external funding.
- At the end of the agreement the site would return to the Council

Shared Management

- A properly constituted Association comprising of allotment holders might seek to enter a joint management agreement with the Council.
- The provisions of the agreement will include a range of services such as water, rent collection, tenancy arbitration and formal action (letting and termination) in respect of individual occupancy that may be undertaken by the council or paid back to the association undertaking these responsibilities on the council's behalf.
- The benefit to the council will be a reduction in the overall cost of providing the service whilst the association would enjoy a greater sense of self determination and would receive a tangible benefit for its efforts.
- Shared management options would be flexible and a scheduled cost agreed based upon the operational costs across the entire service. The rent would remain consistent with that elsewhere in the city but the association would gain a proportional benefit depending upon their level of involvement.

The clear distinction between Self and Shared management is that the latter is tied into the provision of allotments as whole whereas the former desponds directly to the wishes of a very localised community.

Although the concept is not new, this application of these two options is new to the city and the benefits will depend very much upon the degree to which service users engage with the process.