

QUESTION FROM A MEMBER OF PUBLIC

UNDER STANDING ORDER NO.19

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITY – 9 SEPTEMBER 2014

QUESTION FROM MARK ROBINS

Does the Committee have the full information to hand in this paper to:

- a) fully understand the Councils legal responsibilities (more than just a reference to the key legislative roots [as at 7.1 in the paper])??
- b) understand the role, function and social welfare value and impact that allotments have in the community health and well being of citizens in the City?
- c) understand b) in terms of the Councils stated goals, eg in its Core Strategy, or any Community Development Strategy, it has?

In other words, does the Scrutiny Committee feel fully informed about the role and value of allotments to the citizens of Exeter, including in terms of its own policy goals, so that it can adequately scrutinise the current Committee paper and make comments of real value to the Executive Committee?

Answer

The Committee has full information to hand to enable it to understand the councils legal responsibilities : to understand the role function and value allotments have in terms of health and well being and to understand this in terms of the councils overall purposes ---"to provide great things for me to do, see and visit" and this includes the more specific objective---"to work with partners to protect and improve habitats for wild life across the city, protect allotments and explore the use of open spaces for community food production"