

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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<b>Wards Affected</b>	All	3rd February 2016	
<b>Title</b>	<b>ALLOTMENT PROVISION IN THE BOROUGH</b>		

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Forum on Kettering Borough Council's Allotment Provisions.

### 2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 Allotments are plots of land that local residents rent, so they can grow their own food.
- 2.2 All allotments owned by the Borough Council are managed and operated directly by allotments associations or Parish Councils. There are also privately managed allotments in the borough.
- 2.3 Allotments sizes vary in size from just a few plots to approximately 50 plot sites. They come in different shapes and sizes; but the most common plot sizes are full plots (250 sq m ) and half plots (125 sq m).
- 2.4 Allotment gardening is very popular and there is a high demand for plots on most allotment sites.
- 2.5 Allocation of a plot for people waiting varies from a few weeks, months to even a few years, due to the high demand.
- 2.6 Whilst Kettering Borough Council is the land owner, management is dealt with by the individual allotment associations who pay peppercorn rent to KBC.

### 3. ALLOTMENTS IN THE BOROUGH

#### 3.1 List of Community Gardens and Allotments:-

- Scott Road Allotments
- Windmill Ave Allotments
- Northfield Ave Allotments
- Margaret Road Allotments
- Green Patch Community Allotments
- Burton Latimer Allotments
- Desborough Allotments
- Brachers Field Allotments
- Shotwell Mill Lane Allotments

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- South End Allotments
- Stoke Albany Allotments
- Rushton Allotments

## 4. **THE FUTURE**

- 4.1 Whenever possible, when a housing development takes place, allocation of allotment land is requested for allotments, under planning regulations.
- 4.2 There are presently five Allotment Watch schemes running to assist in reducing crime, and the scheme is being increased to other allotment sites.

## 5. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 The forum receives the report and notes the provision of allotments in the Borough.