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OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the report;
2. To consider the proposal to place a shed at Burgess allotment site as requested by tenants;
3. To approve joining the National Allotments Association as members at £15 per annum; and
4. To approve additional promotional and improvement measures to improve occupancy.

1. Purpose

1. To provide the Operations & Development Committee with an update on the current occupancy and financial position of the Council's allotment sites.

2. Background

1. The Council currently manages a total of 62 allotment plots across the Hospital and Burgess allotment sites.
2. As of the end of April 2026, 28 plots are occupied, representing an occupancy level of approximately 45.2%. The remaining plots are currently vacant and available for letting.
3. The majority of occupied plots are located at the Hospital site, with lower occupancy currently being experienced at the Burgess site.

3. Financial Position

1. For the 2026/27 financial year, allotment invoices issued total £675 against an anticipated budget income of £750.

4. Current Position

1. The current vacancy rate presents an opportunity for the Council to consider measures to increase participation and usage of the allotment sites. These could include:

1. Promotion of vacant plots through the Council's website and social media channels;
2. Consideration of installation of a shed at Burgess allotment site to mirror the provision at the Hospital site;
3. Reviewing whether any vacant plots require clearance or improvement works prior to reletting.

5. Recommendation

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6. Decision

1. To consider the recommendations as above.