

Allotment Rules and Regulations – Update noted – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the updated Allotment Rules and Regulations, advising

- (1) that the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 was brought forward with the aim of empowering communities by enhancing the rights of community bodies, placing new duties and functions on local authorities and would help increase access to land for food growing purposes, be that on allotments or through any other grow-your-own initiatives;
- (2) that the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 required each local authority to make allotment site regulations and that in the preparation of such regulations, local authorities should take into consideration any existing site rules, regulations or constitutions and those onsite rules drafted by individual allotment associations;
- (3) that the Council had facilitated a series of incrementally focused engagement processes and a consultation process that had allowed a comprehensive review and update of the Allotment Rules and Regulations, as detailed at Appendix 2 of the report;
- (4) of details of the 2023 consultation outcomes and collated responses to the on-line survey, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report, and that the development of Guidance Notes to inform the Rules and Regulations would be completed by December 2024; and
- (5) of the next steps that included the adoption of a suitable framework to inform Schedule of Delegation discussions and a further update to the committee as part of the annual Food Growing Strategy.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the updated Allotment Rules and Regulations; and
- (b) recommended to the City Administration Committee approval of the updated Allotment Rules and Regulations.