

Appendix II

Annual Allotments Report 2024 - 2025

1 Introduction

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (“the Act”) places duties on local authorities to support and expand community food growing opportunities, including allotments. Allotments and wider grow-your-own initiatives provide a range of social, environmental, and health benefits. These include improved physical and mental well-being, increased social interaction, reduced carbon emissions associated with food supply chains, access to locally grown produce, and opportunities for skill sharing and peer learning.

2 On Sept 17th 2020, Glasgow City Council approved Let’s Grow Together- [Food Growing Strategy for Glasgow](#)

The vision for the Food Growing Strategy (FGS) remains “*that Glasgow citizens wishing to grow their own fruit and vegetables will have access to a range of community growing opportunities in their area*”.

The FGS Action Plan was subsequently approved by Glasgow City Council on June 8th, 2021.

Since 2016, Glasgow City Council has held 15 engagement events across the city to gather the views of allotment holders, community growers, and residents on how food growing should be supported and developed.

The feedback from these sessions has informed the Food Growing Strategy, shaping how the Council will maintain and strengthen existing community growing provision, bring additional sites into use, and encourage new and innovative approaches to growing.

The Strategy also provides practical guidance to help individuals and groups establish new growing projects, outlining the steps involved in getting started and identifying key organisations that can offer advice, support, and specialist knowledge.

The Strategy sets out Glasgow’s long-term aspirations for community food growing and describes how the Council will meet its duties under Part 9 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. These duties include developing allotment regulations and preparing and publishing an Annual Allotments Report. This report covers allotment provision on land owned or leased by Glasgow City Council for allotment purposes during the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2026.

A Review of this Strategy took place in 2026, with the findings published as part of our report to Committee.

An allotment is defined in Part 9 of the Act as land that:

- Is owned or leased by a local authority (or leased or intended for lease by a person from the authority).
- Is used or intended for use wholly or mainly for the cultivation of vegetables, fruit, herbs, or flowers; and
- Is used or is intended for use otherwise than with a view to making a profit.

Section 121 of the Act requires Local Authorities to provide an Annual Allotment Report to the Scottish Government detailing:

- The location and size of each allotment site,
- The number of allotments on each allotment site
- Where the whole of an allotment site is leased from the authority by one person, the proportion of land on the allotment site (excluding any land falling within paragraph (b) of the definition of “allotment site” in section 108) that is not subleased from the tenant of the allotment site,
- Where allotments on an allotment site are leased from the authority by more than one person, the proportion of land on the allotment site (excluding any land falling within paragraph (b) of the definition of “allotment site” in section 108) that is not leased from the authority.

Where an allotment site is leased by the local authority -

- The period of the lease of each allotment site, and
- The rent payable under the lease by the authority,
- The period of any lease between the authority and the tenant of an allotment site,
- The rent payable under any lease between the authority and the tenant of an allotment site,
- The rent payable for each allotment in the area of the authority,
- How, in the opinion of the authority, such rents are decided by reference to the method of determining fair rent provided for in regulations under section 115(1),
- The number of persons entered in the list maintained under section 111(1) on the final day of the reporting year to which the report relates,
- The number of persons mentioned in paragraph (j) who, on the final day of the reporting year to which the report relates, have been entered on the list mentioned in that paragraph for a continuous period of more than 5 years.

Table 1: Current Plot/Site Distribution

	Site name	Site Location	Post Code	Site Size (Ha)	Number of allotments per site	Size of land not leased (m ²) (i.e., Communal land, internal footpaths, event space, parking toilets etc.)	Proportion of land not leased (i.e., Communal land, internal footpaths, event space toilets, parking verges etc.) (%)
1	Balornock Allotments	Drumbottie Road, Glasgow	G21 4YB	0.8	33	1367	17
2	Beechwood Allotments	Beechwood Drive, Glasgow	G11 7HJ	0.8	48	1832	23
3	Bellahouston Demonstration Garden	Bellahouston Park, Dumbreck Road, Glasgow	G41 5BW	0.26	32	1041	40
4	Budhill and Springboig Allotments	Gartocher Road, Glasgow	G32 0HW	1.6	81	2439	15
5	Croftburn Allotments	Croftburn Drive, Glasgow	G44 5HU	1.17	60	4949	42

6	Germiston Allotments	Royston Road, Glasgow	G21 2DJ	0.4	21	2314	58
7	Growchapel	Halgreen Avenue, Glasgow	G15 8AL	0.6	44	2658	44
8	Hamiltonhill Allotments	Ellesmere Street, Glasgow	G22 5LZ	0.7	40	1034	15
9	High Carntyne Allotments	Duchray Street, Glasgow, G33 2DD	G33 2DD	1.1	42	4842	44
10	Kelvinside/Julian Avenue Allotments	Julian Avenue, Glasgow	G12 0RB	1	62	2638	26
11	Kelvinside/Kirklee Allotments	Kirklee Road at Kirklee Gate, Glasgow	G12 0SS	1.1	67	172	2
12	Kennyhill Allotments	Dinart Street/Duchray Street, Glasgow	G32 2DD	1.2	54	2149	18

13	Kingsway Court	Danes Drive, Glasgow	G14 9AH	0.1	35	660	66
14	Mansewood Allotments	Burnfield Road/ Barrmill Road, Glasgow	G43 1EJ	1.17	80	1638	14
15	Merrylee Allotments	Ardle Road, Glasgow	G43 2QE	1.7	114	1599	9
16	New Victoria Gardens Allotments	Glenapp Street, Glasgow	G41 2NU	1.3	76	2449	19
17	Oatlands Gate Allotments	Caledonia Road, Glasgow	G5 0LF	0.3	34	504	17
18	Oatlands Leisure Gardens Allotments	Logan Gardens, Glasgow	G5 0HP	0.2	20	205	10
19	Petershill Allotments	Southloch Street, Glasgow	G21 4AL	0.4	20	445	11

20	Queens Park Allotments	Langside Avenue Queens Park, Glasgow	G42 9QL	1.1	74	644	6
21	Reidvale Allotments	Reidvale Street, Glasgow	G31 1SJ	0.2	31	216	11
22	Rodney Street (Phase 1)	Rodney Street, Glasgow	G4 9SF	0.07	12	70	10
23	Shettleston Growing Project	Ardgay Street, Glasgow	G32 7A	0.2	72	1211	61
24	Sighthill Allotments	Fountainwell Road, Glasgow	G21 1TN	0.2	19	328	15
25	Sir John Stirling- Maxwell Allotments	Bankhead, 2060 Pollokshaws Road, Pollok Park, Glasgow	G41 4BE	1.2	126	1308	11

26	South Western Allotments	Dumbreck Road, Pollok Park, Glasgow	G41 4SN	1.9	91	1049	6
27	Tollcross Park Allotments	Muiryfauld Drive, Tollcross Park, Glasgow	G31 5LN	0.6	45	1295	22
28	Trinley Brae Allotments	Trinley Brae/Knightswood Road, Glasgow	G13 2BS	0.8	40	3739	47
29	Victoria Park Allotments	Northland Drive, Glasgow	G14 9PF	2.5	66	12851	51
30	Wellhouse Allotments	Wellhouse Crescent, Glasgow	G33 4JZ	0.1	11	132	13.2
31	Westthorn Allotments	London Road, Glasgow	G31 4QA	1.6	64	4482	28
32	Yoker Allotments	Sandholm Place, Glasgow	G14 0HG	0.5	34	3080* (2480)	62 revised to 50

33	Yorkhill Growing Space	Centurion Way, Glasgow	G3 8QX	0.2	20	1259	63
34	Greyfriars Garden	High St, Glasgow	G4 0QS	0.2	57	460	225
			TOTAL	27.27	1678		

* 600m² under development

Variances from last year's report are accounted for by plot realignment.

3 Period of Lease and Annual Rent

The period of any lease between Glasgow City Council and an allotment tenant is from the date of entry until 31 March each year and thereafter yearly until terminated.

When determining the level of rent, the Council takes account of the size of the Allotment Plot, the services provided by, or on behalf of, the Council to the Tenants of the Allotment Sites, site improvements and upgrades by the Council, expenses incurred by the authority in maintaining and managing the allotment site, and any other relevant factors including SIMD Data zones. The annual fees to rent an allotment plot from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 are as follows:

Table 2 – Annual Plot Rental Charges

Plot Size	Size	2024-2025 Full Price/ Concessionary Price (£)	2025-2026 Full Price/ Concessionary Price (£)
Full Plot	125 - 250m ²	61.60 / 42.80	88.70 / 60.60
Half Plot	50 - 125m ²	30.80 / 23.60	34.70 / 25.80
Fractional/Micro Plot/Raised Bed	Less than 50m ²	17.25 / No concession available	25.80 / No concession available

It should be noted that rental charges for allotments had not been increased since 2010.

4 Where an allotment site is leased by the local authority—

- Of the lease of each allotment site,
- And the rent payable under the lease by the authority

Glasgow City Council leases the Kelvinside/Kirklee Allotment Site from the University of Glasgow with a rolling annual renewal of the lease. Glasgow City Council pays a lease fee of £30 p.a. for this site.

5. Section 111 of the Act, Duty to Maintain a List.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 requires local authorities to take reasonable steps to ensure that:

- The number of applicants on their allotment waiting list is no more than half of the total number of allotment plots

- And that an applicant is not on the waiting list for a continuous period of more than 5 years.

In the recent era there has been a significant increase in the number of applications for allotments with one factor identified as being the consequence of the Coronavirus lockdown restrictions. It would appear that lockdown has resulted in more people wishing to be outdoors in the natural environment.

In March 2020 there were 1100 applicants on the allotment waiting list for 1050 plots (a ratio of 104%). This has since increased to there now being 3098 recorded applicants on the allotment waiting list. The current number of allotment plots is 1695 which means the ratio has increased to 182%, exceeding the Act's trigger ratio of 50%. Please note these figures do not include the provision available from community Gardens, Market Gardens, and other alternative growing opportunities available within the City.

Reasonable steps taken by Glasgow City Council to address this opportunity to increase provision include:

- Make best use of the information and resources available; including the 'Let's Grow Together- A Food Growing Strategy for Glasgow 2020-2025' to direct existing resources and access new resources.
- Supporting delivery of the Community Food Theme of the City Food Plan
- Developing working groups with-
- Local Housing Organisations
- Internal Officers
- Community Food Growers to:
 - Identify and secure additional resources to support the increase of allotment provision by Glasgow City Council.
 - Signpost and support Community Organisations to secure funding to increase Food Growing opportunities
 - Supporting Social Enterprises to support increased opportunities for Food Growing.
 - Encourage Food Growing to be incorporated into Outdoor Learning by developing CPD days in conjunction colleagues in Education Department to ensure they have the necessary resource to teach food growing to pupils in school grounds.
 - Provide funding via The Let's Grow Together Fund to encourage the development of Food Growing Opportunities by grassroots community organisations.
 - Collaborate with Glasgow Community Food Growing Network to support growers to identify suitable land for the development of Food Growing Spaces.
 - Developed the Let's Grow Together Storyboard to provide information, advice guidance and support for those on waiting lists and those keen to start food growing.
 - Support other landowners such GGCNHS, Faith Groups, Colleges, and Universities to provide land for Allotments/Food Growing Spaces.

315 applicants have not provided a postal address which means verification of their application cannot be completed as current allotment provision is available only to residents within the boundary of the Local Authority and a further 14 applicants who are not eligible as their postal address recorded is out with the Glasgow City boundary.