



Andover Town Council

Item No. **11**

To **receive** the report and to **approve**:

- the recommendation from the Allotments Committee to replace the fence at Old Winton Road Allotment site.
- using Allotment earmarked reserves and budget line 4500/2 to fund the replacement.
- release of £6,500 from General Reserves to contribute towards the cost of replacing the perimeter fencing at the Old Winton Road Allotment site

Produced for: Full Council

By: Acting Town Clerk

Date of Report: 11 June 2025

Background:

It was agreed at Full Council that the Old Winton Road site fence will be the next fence to be replaced.

C387/02/25 It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor R Hughes and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Allotment Committee's recommendation (AC327/02/25) that the Old Winton Road Allotment site fence be the next fence to be replaced, be approved.

At the Allotment Committee on the 16 April 2025 the committee reviewed a report with quotes and the following was resolved:

AC 350/04/25 It was proposed by Councillor T Burley and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and RESOLVED: Unanimously, that quote 1 be accepted and recommended to Full Council for approval, as follows:

- Take down and remove the old fencing and vegetation from the old fence line from site allowing for a fence line to be installed - £11,165.00.
- To supply and install approx. 446m of 1930mm high Green coated 358 Mesh panels, 2no single gates and 1no 4m wide pair of gates - £48,835.00.
- Combined cost £60,000.00 + VAT.

Financial Consideration:

Approved Budget for 2025/2026

Fund	Allocation
Allotment Maintenance Fund (4500/2)	£35,000.00
Earmarked Reserves	£18,500.00
Total Available Funds	£53,500.00

Additional funding required:

Item	Estimated additional funding	Funding Source
Replacement Fencing (Old Winton Road Allotment)	£6,500.00	Proposed from General Reserves

◆ Project Cost - £60,000 + VAT

◆ Additional Funding Efforts

- The Acting Town Clerk has contacted Test Valley Borough Council to request the release of Section 106 (S106) funding to support the project.
- Decision pending on the S106 funding request.

✓ Summary

- The Council has sufficient funds available to proceed with the fencing replacement, if money is allocated from General reserves.
- If S106 funding is approved, it could offset or fully cover the cost.

Legislation governing the administration of allotment provision:

Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908¹, Allotments Act 1925², Local Government Act 1972 (s124-127)³

Recommendations:

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Please **note** that allocating these funds would remove any financial buffer the Council currently holds for maintenance or emergency repair work at the allotment sites. Should unforeseen issues arise, any required funding would need to be identified and reallocated from elsewhere within the existing budget.

¹ [Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908](#)

² [Allotments Act 1925](#)

³ [Local Government Act 1972](#)