

05. This Council recognises that most allotment holdings within the District are the responsibility of minor authorities, parish councils in the main, but Harrogate Borough Council within the unparished areas. There are also other allotment holdings that are held in Trust.

This is an obstacle to maximising the benefits of allotment holdings to promote healthy lifestyles and it is also recognised that council tax payers in parished areas of the District are funding the investment in allotments in the unparished areas which is “double taxation”.

Recommendation

1. That this Council recognises the importance of allotment land within the District as making a contribution to healthy living, as well as an affordable leisure activity.
2. That this Council works closely with all parish councils and other responsible bodies within the District to identify and produce a register of allotment land holdings across the District.
3. That this Council produces a strategy in partnership with willing parish councils, allotment societies and other relevant bodies to maximise the benefits of this important activity across the District.

Proposed: Councillor Bill Houtl Seconded: Councillor Christine Willoughby

The Mayor ruled that in accordance with Standing Order 10(6)(a) this motion stood referred to the Cabinet Member for Cultural Services.