

**DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY SELECT
COMMITTEE REVIEW INTO ALLOTMENTS**

Recommendation 1

That Members and officers work with the Stevenage Gardens and Allotments Association and local schools to establish ways to encourage young people to take up gardening and keeping allotments, as a way of widening the demographics of allotment users.

Recommendation 2

That officers explore the possibility of working with Stevenage Gardens and Allotments Association to explore the possibility of Community Ownership of Allotments.

Recommendation 3

That officers revisit the current Appeals arrangements to improve and speed up the process.

Recommendation 4

That officers discuss with Stevenage Gardens and Allotments Association ways in which overgrown allotments might be tidied up (without using a cultivator that spread weeds) to encourage new allotment hirers to take on new allotment strips.

Recommendation 5

That officers work with the Stevenage Gardens and Allotments Association to consider ways in which new allotment hirers could be trained to gain the basic understanding and knowledge to work an allotment successfully.

Recommendation 6

That officers consider what measures can be taken to direct female allotment holders to publicly available toilets in the area, as onsite provision is not viable within the current budgetary restraints, but better information such as a map would be helpful.

Recommendation 7

That officers consider the current concessions policy to establish if the current offer can be improved and also consider ways that this can be promoted so the public are aware of the offer.

Recommendation 8

That officers consider along with Stevenage Gardens and Allotments Association, ways in which the security can be improved and vandalism designed out of the allotment sites.