

Consultation – Relationship with the Forum & Allotment Engagement meetings

Relationship with the Forum

The Forum is an independent body consisting of volunteer site representatives and is organised and managed by its own members.

As an independent organisation, it is not for the Council to determine how it governs itself or how it is structured.

The Council is proposing to have an informal, collaborative, relationship with the Forum. It is expected that the Council and the Forum will work together to collectively identify and manage new opportunities and projects.

Allotment Engagement Meeting

Once established in the role, the Allotment Officer will arrange for quarterly Allotment Engagement meetings to take place, with all Site Representatives invited to attend.

The agenda will be produced by the Council, with Site Representatives being asked to feed in agenda items. The aim is to focus on matters that have wider benefits across the allotment community, (rather than site specific issues).

The agenda will include biodiversity, environmental improvements, community engagement, event organisation, best practice and education, with guest speakers being invited to attend where possible.

Some of the wider environmental issues will benefit from the endorsement and leadership of this group and volunteers will be encouraged, and supported, to lead on projects and to assist colleagues where necessary.