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Appendix A

Draft Town Council Plan - Objective 3 Service Plan

Background

In 2012 the council set its priorities as:

- improving allotments
- securing the adoption of back lanes
- municipal parks
- improvements in the natural and urban environment
- cultural events
- social investment

A Plan for Allotments

1. The Town Council recognises that enabling residents to cultivate allotments is one of its statutory duties under the Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908.
2. The Town Council further recognises that the town's allotment estate has not benefitted over the years from the blurring of responsibilities between Allerdale Borough Council and Workington Town Council over allotment provision.
3. The Town Council will seek to secure the ownership or long lease on all the town's allotment sites, and to expand the provision where required.
4. The Town Council will manage these assets by providing more secure boundaries and applying more resources to the proper management of tenancy lists, waiting lists and the day to day running of the sites.
5. The council will make proper plans for the sustainable provision of a water supply to every site. This will include a general ban on hosepipes, the stopping up of supplies where ongoing management costs are prohibitive, the supporting of tenants in the collection of rainwater wherever possible and the provision of sufficient dipping troughs to ensure an adequate supply where possible.

6. The Town Council will strive to encourage the sustainable use of the allotment estate for growing vegetable and other provisions.
7. The Town Council recognises that certain livestock have had a historical presence on the town's allotments. The Town Council will continue to provide space, where possible and appropriate, for pigeon keepers. Pigeon lofts must be maintained to a good standard, and the birds must not be allowed to become a nuisance.
8. The Town Council will discourage the breeding of dogs on the estate, and will work towards removing all kennels by 2018.
9. The Town Council will review the effects of keeping other permitted livestock, with a view to making some sites livestock free.

Draft Three Year Budget Plan – Allotments

Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016
General Running	9000	9000	8000	8000
Development	30000	30000	30000	30000
Income from tenants	(12,000)*	(12,000)**	(9,500)***	(9,500)***
Total		26,000	28,500	28,500

* This includes the water rate portion for 2012-13.

** This includes the water rate portion for 2013-14.

*** This excludes any contribution to water rates by tenants.