

EX56. Dig In: Community Food Growing Strategy

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services presenting a revised “Dig In”: Community Food Growing Strategy, 2019-2024 following a recent consultation. An Allotments Action Plan detailing the Council’s responsibilities in terms of meeting the demand for allotments in the area, was also included.

The Executive had agreed at its meeting on 15 January 2019 (ref EX101) to undertake a 12 week consultation exercise on the draft Community Food Growing Strategy. Details of the consultation exercise, the formal responses received and the proposed changes to the draft strategy, where relevant, were set out in the report.

The final strategy contained a series of action plans, which would be developed in phases. These detail how the Council and partner organisations would help groups set up and develop their community growing projects across the area, highlighted the resources required, and explained how progress will be monitored and reviewed.

The Allotments Action Plan, was a 5 year plan, which set out how the Council, by working with allotment organisations, aimed to deliver sufficient allotment space to meet local demand, and assist in setting up and managing new allotment sites within the local area. The Plan was attached as appendix 3 to the report.

Mandy Brown, Planning Officer gave a presentation on the “Dig In”: Community Food Growing Strategy.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) the “Dig In”: Community Food Growing Strategy (2019-2024), attached as appendix 1 to the report, and**
- (2) the Allotment Action Plan, attached as appendix 3 to the report.**