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Dear Farida Vis & Yana Manyukhina

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Further to our earlier email, I am writing to confirm that the Council has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 30th August 2011 and would respond as follows:

1. The Tenancy Agreement that the Council currently uses for allotment plots is enclosed as requested.
2. The previous Tenancy Agreement is also enclosed.
3. The agreement was not changed following a public consultation.
4. There was no documentation associated with a consultation of the updated Tenancy Agreement for allotment plots in the Council as a public consultation did not take place.
5. There are no plans to change the current Tenancy Agreement for allotment plots in the next 12 months?
6. The cost of rent and water per rod on an allotment were:

1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009 - rent = £2.40 per rod water = £0.60p per rod
1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010 - rent = £2.40 per rod water = £0.60p per rod
1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011 - rent = £2.40 per rod water = £0.60p per rod
1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012 - rent = £2.40 per rod water = £1.00 per rod

2012-13 costs have yet to be agreed.

7. The cost of using water charged to individual plot holders is shown above.
8. There were no discounts offered for renting an allotment plot for the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and at this time it is unlikely that they will be offered in 2012 and 2013.
9. The cost of waste removal in relation to allotment sites for the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 were:

1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009 - £125.00
1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010 - £324.76
1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011 - Accounts not yet released

Costs for 2011 to 2013 are not yet known.

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Yours sincerely



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