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Dear Farida Vis and Yana Manyukhina,

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your request for information received by the Council on 30th August 2011. We are considering it under the Environmental Information Regulations Act 2004. It has been assessed and the following information is provided in response:

- 1. Please could you send us the Tenancy Agreement that the Council currently uses for allotment plots in the Council?**

Copy (pdf) attached.

- 2. Please could you send us the previous Tenancy Agreement for allotment plots in the Council?**

Copy (pdf) attached.

- 3. Was the agreement changed following a public consultation?**

No – the change (relating to the use of hosepipes) was necessitated by the threat of legal action by a local water undertaker and was made following internal legal advice.

- 4. Please could you send us the documentation associated with this consultation that highlights the change in Tenancy Agreement for allotment plots in the Council?**

N/a

- 5. Is the Council planning to change the current Tenancy Agreement for allotment plots in the Council within the next 12 months?**

There are no plans to do so.

6. Can you please send us the cost of an allotment within your Council for the years: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and what they will be for 2012 and 2013.

Our rental year is from October to September, and the responses in the table below quote the cost per pole charged in the October of each year. The rent for 2012-13 and 2013-14 have not yet been decided. Most allotments within the borough are either 5 or 10 poles, with the average size being 7.3 poles.

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|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2007-8 | 2008-9 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 |
| £ 7.26 | £ 8.42 | £ 9.00 | £ 9.32 | £ 9.78 |

7. Can you please send us the cost of using water as charged to individual plot holders within your Council for the years: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and what they will be for 2012 and 2013.

Water is not an itemised charge to ploholders.

8. Can you please send us the rate of the discount available for renting an allotment plot within your Council for the years: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and what they will be for 2012 and 2013.

Discount is offered to borough residents aged 60+ or in receipt of state income support, incapacity benefit, unemployment benefit, disability or disablement allowance, full time students or those receiving employment training. The discount offered is 50% on the standard rent on the first 10 poles rented. This discount has been consistent over the period requested and is likely to remain at the same rate for the next two years at least.

9. What has the cost of waste removal been to the Council in relation to allotment sites for the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and what are they likely be for 2012 and 2013?

We do not have accurate records of waste removal costs but the approximate cost per year is in the region of £8k. As we are continuing to renovate abandoned allotment land, it is predicted that similar costs will be incurred in 2012 and 2013.

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Yours sincerely,

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