



ASHINGTON ALLOTMENTS LIAISON GROUP

FORMATION

1. The group is called the Ashington Allotments Liaison Group (ALG).
2. The ALG will support the effective management of allotment sites in Ashington, for which the Town Council has responsibility.
3. Membership includes:
 - a. Two representatives from each site, nominated by the seven Allotment Associations.
 - b. **Four** Town Councillors.
 - c. Officer(s) with responsibility for Allotments.
4. Representatives from outside the ALG can be invited to attend a meeting if external input is required.
5. Meetings will be chaired by a Councillor but could be chaired by an Officer.
6. The ALG shall meet at least three times a year but can meet more often if required.
7. Meetings will be supported by an agenda, given in advance of the meeting.
8. The Lead Officer will be required to make a report or note of the meeting, with any agreed recommendations written up to be brought to Council.

OBJECTIVES

1. The ALG will provide a vehicle for the sharing of information and good practice between Allotment Associations and the Town Council to ensure the good and effective day-to-day management of allotment sites in the town, including the overseeing and development of tenancy agreements and rules and regulations for the sites.
2. The ALG will advise and make recommendations to the Town Council in developing policies and procedures.
3. The ALG will discuss required capital expenditure across allotment sites to inform budget discussions by Council.
4. The ALG will work to research and explore options and make recommendations to improve the provision of allotment gardening in the town.
5. The ALG will work to promote the benefits of allotment gardening.
6. The ALG will be supported by the Town Council to ensure high standards of dignity and respect, free from discrimination, victimisation, and harassment, whilst recognising, respecting and valuing differences.
7. The ALG will liaise with the Council to support more sustainable allotment gardening, considering biodiversity and climate change.
8. The ALG will share good practice on environmental issues with plot holders across the town.
9. The ALG will consult with the principal authority, where necessary, for projects needing planning and other permissions.