

## Policy & Resources Committee

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>10 December 2013</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Stones Close Allotments</b>
<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	<b>To agree the ground rent for 2013-14</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager</b>

### Background

The Stones Close Allotments are managed by the Stones Close Allotment Society (The Society). The arrangement is formalised through a Partnering Agreement. Two conditions within the agreement call for an annual site inspection by the Council to ensure the asset is being well maintained and an annual review of the ground rent.

The ground rent is currently set at £300. It is not possible to compare this fee with other allotments in the county as the responsibility of the management committees differ. The Council has always been keen to support and develop this type of community activity and has not previously looked to accept anything but a nominal fee.

There have been no significant alterations or developments in the responsibility between the two parties, and no change to the overall area that is rented.

The Society has maintained the rent to plot holders for the past two years.

### Risk Assessment

There are no risks arising from this report.

### Resource Appraisal

There are no resource implications attached to this report

**Legal Powers:** Small Holding & Allotments Act 1908, s23

### Neighbourhood Plan Objectives:

Environment & Sustainability - Co-ordinate green infrastructure  
 - Provide more public open space

### Recommendation:

- i) That the ground rent for 2013-14 be retained at £300.*