

Allotments Update Following Discussion with Calderdale – 8 January 2020

General

1. Calderdale currently owns and has responsibility for the two allotment sites in Todmorden. These are at Portsmouth (20 pitches) and Pudsey Rd, Pitts Estate (12 pitches). A limited water supply is available on both sites and tenants are charged a small fee for this. A small amount of assistance is provided by two volunteers for site inspections two/three times a year.

2. The management of Calderdale allotment sites forms part of a management role and a separately another staff member deals with the lettings. A disproportionate amount of work and time is involved with managing allotments including licensing, setting and enforcing standards, writing and managing policies, taking payment and handling complaints. Although the sites generate an income from rent normally substantial investment is required to make the sites safe, to provide general maintenance and improvements. Wider issues can include responsibilities for the water supply, paths and boundary fencing.

3. Calderdale has expressed willingness to consider the possibility of TTC taking over the current sites. It was confirmed that if the sites and responsibilities were to be moved to TTC this would be without any budget. Calderdale is going to let us have documentation relating to the:

- a. rental income generation;
- b. investment required;
- c. staff costs associated with managing the sites;
- d. demand and waiting lists;
- e. current licence.