

**To receive a report on the Town Council Allotment Fees and Charges and consider any actions and associated expenditure.**

Services Committee 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022

It was proposed by Councillor Dent, seconded by Councillor B Samuels and resolved to **RECOMMEND** an increase of £10 in rent per annum across all sites and an increase in water charges to £30 per annum for the year 2024/25 to the Extraordinary Policy and Finance Committee meeting to be held on the 22nd November 2022.

Allotment Sites and Plots

Chruchtown – 50 plots

Fairmead – 10 plots

Grenfell – 15 plots

Waiting list as at 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 is

Allotment Fees from 2018-19 to 2024-25

The table displays a fair increase over many years. However, there is a significant increase in the water charges from 2023/24 to 2024/25.

	Annual £						
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
<b><u>Fairmead</u></b>							
<b>Plot</b>	£35	£35	£35	£40	£40	£45	£55
<b>Water</b>	£5	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£30
<b><u>Churchtown</u></b>							
<b>Plot</b>	£35	£35	£35	£40	£40	£50	£60
<b>Water</b>	£5	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10	£30
<b><u>Grenfell</u></b>							
<b>Plot</b>	£25	£25	£25	£30	£30	£30	£40

South West Water Charge

Saltash Town Council water expenditure on average is £20 per month.

Allotment Act 1950

Regarding ‘other charges’ the Allotment Act states, the charge must be at a “reasonable rate” and any revenue must go back into the allotment site.

## Next Steps

Members are asked to consider:

1. A reduction in the water increase for the year 2024/25 to a “reasonable rate” whilst ensuring Town Council expenditure is covered.

This will have an impact on the 2024-25 Services budget income by £1,200 based on the water charge being £10.

2. Encouraging allotment holders to reduce the need to water – refer to the water use on allotments leaflet as attached.

**End of Report**  
**Town Clerk / RFO**