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**Please ask for:** Allotments Service

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**Our ref:** AC/262024

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear

### **Allotment Lease Fee increase**

The council is proposing an increase in allotment fees of £3 per rod on top of inflation and is inviting feedback on the proposal. Increases would mean a standard fee of £11.80 per rod (25 sq. mtrs), or:

#### **For 5 Rod allotments with water:**

**Year 1** New lease holders only, £70.95 (£59 lease + £11.95 one off admin fees (paid directly to allotment volunteers/ Association for leasing and inspection duties).

**Year 2** or, existing lease holders, £59 per annum

**For 10 Rod Allotments:** Lease holders would see their annual fees increase to £118 per annum.

**For Senior Citizens:** Leases would increase to £7.45. per 25 sq. Metres (first 250 sq. mtrs only), and £11.80 per 25 sq. meters after that.

**For Sites Without Water:** Leases would increase to £10.05 per 25 sq. Metres.

As outlined in the Councils Corporate plan Government funding cuts mean the authority must reduce budgets by £6.6m by 2026. To achieve this, subsidised services must become cost neutral. To end current subsidies, allotments must find an additional £25,000 in income or in savings.

The service will be welcoming comments from the 26/01/24 till the 16/02/24. If you have comments or concerns, you can contact the service on:

[allotments@exeter.gov.uk](mailto:allotments@exeter.gov.uk)

The results of the consultation will be discussed at the next allotment forum, the date of which is to be confirmed.

Yours sincerely