

Meeting	Full Council
Date	28 th October 2025
Report Title	Leisure Garden Report
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Recommendations:

1. To note the increase in Leisure Garden Rents for 2025/2026, as presented.
2. To re-evaluate the sizing structure and conduct a cost analysis of rental prices before setting 206/2027's rates. To be brought to a 2026 meeting for review.

Annual Plot Holders Meeting

The annual plot holders meeting was held on Monday 6th October. There were 36 plot holders present. TWIGS presented an update on their community project work, each of the site representative provided an update on each of the Leisure Garden sites and the competition winners received their prizes.

Leisure Garden Rents

Invoices for the 2025/2026 period have been issued to all tenants. The table below outlines the rental increases implemented for the 2025/2026 season:

Location	Plot Size	Price (£)	Concession (over 65s) (£)	New Rate 25/26 (£)	Concession (over 65s) (£)
Rose Walk (RW)	Full	45	34	46	35
RW	1/2	31	23	32	24
RW	1/4	16	12	16	12
Goodearl (GS)	Full	38	29	39	29
GS	3/4	29	22	30	22
GS	1/2	15	11	15	12
GS	1/4	11	8	11	8
Ventnor Close (VC)	1/2	33	25	34	25
VC	1/4	18	14	19	14

Plot size standardisation

Inconsistencies have been identified across sites regarding plot dimensions, particularly where plots have been divided historically. It is recommended that before preparing next year's invoices and determining future rental increases, we will undertake:

- A review of the plot sizes
- Conduct a comparative analysis with rental rates at other allotment sites in Swindon.

This approach will ensure greater consistency and alignment in our pricing framework.