

# Allotment Policy Review update February 2022

## History and background of allotments

The Council's allotment facility was located on Housing Lands at Lynches Lane east of the Outer Ring Road and north of the railway line. The facility was originally established by Dublin City Council as the land was not immediately required for development purposes.

South Dublin County Council became responsible for the allotments upon transfer of Dublin City Council's lands in South Dublin County to this authority. The lands on which the allotments were located were zoned Residential in [South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2004 - 2010](#) That Development Plan had two specific Local Objectives in relation to allotments. Whereby it stated, *"It is the policy of the Council to facilitate the further development of allotments through the identification of appropriate sites"*.

In November 2005, the allotments at Lynches Lane closed. The Council identified 4 alternative sites throughout the County which were developed to ensure plot holders in Lynches Lane had an allotment available to them from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006. Over the years, some of the sites have been extended.

There are currently 425 Council allotments of varying sizes at 4 locations, ranging in size from 50 square metres up to 250 square metres.

- Tymon Park, Tallaght – 13
- Corkagh Park, Clondalkin – 39
- Friarstown, Bohernabreena – 297
- Mill Lane, Palmerstown – 76

## Review Initiated

The review was initiated in February 2021 and a survey of all allotment holders including those on waiting lists was conducted in July 2021 which will help inform review. (Presentation attached)

## Scope of Review

- Benefit of allotments – examine under headings such as Climate Change, Healthy Communities- mental and physical health etc.
- Assessment of existing provision of allotments in SDCC
- Management of the Allotment system, for example:
  - Maintenance/operation
  - Administration procedures
  - Review current Allotment Terms & Conditions of Letting

- Site inspections
- benefits to pollinators / climate change etc
  
- Allotment holder considerations
- Planning for future need (inform amount and location of future allotment provision)

**Link to National and Local Policies**

- Climate Action Plan
- Biodiversity Action Plan
- Green Infrastructure Strategy
- County Development Plan