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Rotherham Allotment Alliance Ltd

Policy Introduction & Share Policy

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Policy Introduction

The Rotherham Allotments Alliance, a 'Community Benefit Society' which is responsible for the management of all allotment provision previously provided by Rotherham MBC. The Alliances Mission Statement states – The Rotherham Allotment Alliance will provide, promote and develop allotments in Rotherham so that they offer people of all backgrounds and abilities opportunities to enjoy gardening in safe, secure, accessible and environmentally sustainable surroundings. In doing so, it will make efficient use of available resources to ensure that the service is financially self-sufficient whilst remaining affordable to those who want to use it. It will do this by:

- enabling allotment societies to flourish on sites where they already exist,
- providing guidance and support to such societies where required,
- managing sites which do not have societies efficiently,
- promoting the establishment of new allotment societies on sites that do not currently have them and/or establishing a volunteer base for sites that are unable to form a society,
- developing and implementing plans for the improvement and promotion of allotment gardening across the borough of Rotherham.

To facilitate these objectives the RAA has adopted the following policies to ensure that all allotments tenants, those on society managed sites and directly managed sites alike, will be able to cultivate their plots and enjoy their hobby in a stress free environment with everyone working together to achieve the following policy objectives.

All policies will be reviewed to meet any changes in legislation or every 12 months.

Share Certification Policy

Share certificates for the Rotherham Allotment Alliance will be allocated as follows:

- Every individual allotment plot holder on both Society and Directly managed sites will be allocated one share Certificate, immaterial of the number of plots or size of the plot/s the tenant may hold. The share certificate will be allocated to the named tenancy holder only, allowing one vote at the AGM.
- Co-workers will not be allocated a share certificate and will not be entitled to vote at the AGM.
- Joint tenancies (where more than one individual is named on the tenancy agreement) will be allocated one share certificate and will be allocated one vote only at the AGM.
- (Co-workers and joint tenants are welcome to become Associate Members see below).
- Associate Members of the RAA (non-plot holding members/co-workers/joint tenants) those persons who become members of the RAA by payment of £3.00 membership per year will be allocated one share certificate and entitled to one vote at the AGM.