

COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT PILOT PROJECT (AN10-2014)

Reference is made to Report 195-2013 to the Environment Committee of 20 May 2013 that approved the development of these Community Allotment Pilot Projects.

A suitable location has been identified in the Douglas area on the site of the former Douglas Primary School where it is proposed to create a small community allotment. The Douglas Community Spaces Group have now formally been established and are seeking support with the establishment of the basic infrastructure to enable this project to develop. This proposal includes the provision of fencing, erection of raised planters, basic shed and paths infrastructure at a cost of £26,000. This will help establish the community group who will lease the site and will thereafter pursue further external funding through the Climate Challenge Fund or other similar funding to help develop the project.

The Director of Corporate Services advises that the above costs can be met from allowances within the Environment Department's Capital Budget – Environmental Improvements Parks and Open Spaces 2013/14. It is recommended that the Director of Environment is authorised to undertake these works.