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REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 14th SEPTEMBER 2015

REPORT ON: THE SUPPLY AND ERECTION OF SECURITY FENCING AT CITY ROAD ALLOTMENTS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

REPORT NO: 339-2015

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek committee approval for the erection of security fencing to protect the allotments at City Road.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that committee agree the proposed improvements and instruct the Director of Environment to undertake these works.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Executive Director of Corporate Services advises that the costs of £29,794 can be met from allowances within the Capital Plan 2015/16 for Parks and Open Spaces.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Following a number of incidents including break-ins and wilful fire-raising at council allotments within the city, a review of security fencing was undertaken. Following consultation with the Dundee Federation of Allotment Gardens Association, a programme was put together to enhance security at the most vulnerable allotments.
- 4.2 Improvements have already been implemented at West Law, Stirling Park and Old Craigie Road Allotments and it is now proposed to undertake similar security fencing works around the City Road allotments.
- 4.3 It is proposed to replace the existing chain-link fencing with a more robust 1.8m metal palisade fence. The fencing will be erected along the south and west side of the perimeter of the existing allotment.
- 4.4 The future maintenance of the fencing will be included with the Allotment Association's leases, reducing the future revenue implications for the Department.
- 4.5 The cost of undertaking these works will be £29,794 and will be undertaken by the Environment Department. Funding will be met from within the Environment Department's capital budget 2015-16.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Executive Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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26th August 2015

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