389/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three members of the public expressed concern with a major rat infestation at the Fir Tree allotments which was destroying the crop of some tenants, including the MIND community allotment. Whilst recognising the responsibilities of individual tenants, the Council were also encouraged to take action through professional services given the scale of the problem.

See Minute 391/24 below.

390/24 <u>VARIATION OF AGENDA ORDER</u>

It was proposed by Councillor Lester, and seconded by Councillor Keats-Rohan, and

RESOLVED unanimously that Agenda Item 13, Allotments, be taken next given the interest in the public gallery

391/24 ALLOTMENTS

The Committee considered revised policies for both the Fir Tree and Highcroft sites that included more explicit guidance on pest control measures as advised by the National Allotment Society.

It was proposed by Councillor Sandall, and seconded by Councillor Lester, and

RECOMMENDED that the revised policies be approved subject to the strengthening of the paragraph in 12.4 (final paragraph) regarding the action that the Town Council itself would take on pest control and ensure that these measures are in place in time for the next growing season

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