

## **Minutes of Management Agreement Working Party Teams Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Meeting started at 11.30 a.m.  
Minutes by Barbara Smith,

**Attendees:** David Draycott ( Moor Green), David Read (Ward End), John Upton (Gospel Lane), Barbara Smith (BDAC-Lower Tinkers Farm), Keith Yardley. (Station Road), Phil Zjalic (Wychbury Road), Hester Blewitt ( Ward End) John and Stephanie Wallbutton ( Greenaleigh Allotments) for BCC Darren Share- Assistant Director of Street Scene, Joe Hayden- Parks Service Manager and Bernadette Wilson- Allotment Officer.

**Apologies** Derek Cullen, Ross White, Jo Nelson

After introductions, David outlined the context for the meeting and the role of the working group in developing a proposition for the Council. He included concerns about lack of resources and volunteers.

He outlined the two main options. Re-negotiating the Agreement and a system of Self-Management and stated that there might be a need for an umbrella organisation that would hold the contract with the Council on behalf of the associations. He asked for the Council's view.

Darren Share thanked the Working group for their work and stated that he was open to all discussions. Any future system would have to be sustainable. He would like to view the early drafts.

A Birmingham Council representative was invited to attend the Working Party fortnightly meetings to aid communication. Darren Share agreed.

It was agreed to share the early draft documents with Darren Share.

The end November was agreed as a target date for the completion of the process.

Darren explained that this would be dependent upon whether the change needed to go to the full Cabinet for approval, this has a 12 week turn around, or whether it will just need Cabinet Member approval, this will be quicker. He will check.

It was agreed to send a copy of the Agreement, amended by the working party showing the concerns and a copy of the research done into types of Self-Management, to Darren Share to read. David, emphasised that these had yet to be shared with the site associations and were therefore presented without prejudice.

Darren would need two weeks to read the documents and will provisionally attend a Working Party Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> May subject to prior commitments.

Phil would make an outline plan for future actions.

Date of next meeting – provisional – 24<sup>th</sup> May 6 30 pm at Moor Green Allotment.

