

**Minutes of Management Agreement
Working Party Zoom Meeting held on 14th April 2022**

Meeting started at 18.30 p.m.

Minutes by Barbara Smith, Secretary Birmingham and District Allotments Confederation-

Attendees: Liz Bunting (NAS) Clive Birch (BDAC) David Draycott (Moor Green), Derek Cullen (Ward End), David Read (Ward End), John Upton (Gospel Lane), Barbara Smith (BDAC-Lower Tinkers Farm), Keith Yardley. (Station Road), Jo (West Heath Allotments)

Open discussion on options

1. Self Management

Liz stated that she had good knowledge of the pros and cons of the different self-management models so would work to more research to help develop a bespoke model that would best suit Birmingham. If self-management was agreed it would be phased in gradually. Therefore, the current arrangement may need continue for a while, if self-management was agreed.

Leases can go to individual Associations or to an “Umbrella” Organisation

If an “Umbrella” organisation was created, due to the number of sites in Birmingham, it would need to employ someone.

Robust policies and agreements will need to be made.

Liz was invited to add more comments to Hester’s Chart.

2. Re-negotiated Agreement

It was confirmed that the liabilities under 7.1 of the agreement were covered by the Council funded insurance in clause 7.2. Larger sites could benefit from £10m of insurance rather than £5.

Training is an issue.

Need to have own legal advice when negotiating.

Need a more comprehensive breakdown of allotment expenses.

Liz is not available between 8th and the 19th May 2022

Meeting ended 17.30 hrs

Meeting ended at 19.35 hrs.