Allotment Rules about Animals and bees

Current Council Rule & proposed change	BDAC Alternative –
7.1 Any dog (including Guide Dogs) brought onto the Site must be kept on a lead at all times.	As current Rule, but add "and should remain on the Tenant's Allotment Garden only. Any faeces to be removed and disposed of off-site by the Tenant."
7.2 Animals or livestock, except chickens(including hens) or rabbits, must not be kept on Allotment Gardens. **Cockerels and turkeys** are **not** permitted. 7.3 Chickens (including hens) or rabbits must not be kept in such a place or in such a manner as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance. Tenants must obtain prior permission from the Allotment Association and must comply with any husbandry conditions laid down by (and obtainable from) the Council. A current contact phone number must be displayed on the plot. New rule 7.4 By law from 1st October 2024 anyone keeping chickens (including hens), regardless of the number, must register them with the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). This must be done within one month of starting to keep poultry.	1. *Alternative wording suggested:* 2. No animals with the exception of chickens (hens but not cockerels), rabbits and bees may be kept on allotment plots. Tenants must in all cases obtain prior permission from the Allotment Association and comply with all husbandry conditions laid down by (and obtainable from) the Council, Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), or British Beekeepers Association, to ensure they are being well and humanely managed, in a manner which is not prejudicial to health or a nuisance, and are not being kept for trade or business purposes. Tenants must ensure they do not cause any danger, nuisance, interference, disturbance or annoyance to other tenants or to anyone else including members of the public and the owners or occupiers of the neighbouring and adjoining property or plot holders. 3. *Also keep sentence*: "A current contact phone number must be displayed on the plot." *Agree that the new rule 7.4 is needed requiring the registration of hens*
7.6 Beehives are not allowed on the Allotment Garden except with the prior agreement of the Association and permission of the appropriate Officer of the Council. Tenants must have valid insurance cover preferably through membership of or affiliation to the British Bee Keeping Association. A copy must be filed with the Council. Any recommendations made by an appropriate Council Officer must be implemented by the tenant.	As current, no amendments suggested
Rule on structures for animals is currently in Rule 7.5 - Any part of the Allotment Garden used for keeping chickens (including hens) or rabbits	Suggested wording as alternative: Tenants wishing to erect structures necessary for the purpose of keeping rabbits, hens or bees must seek and get

must be securely and adequately fenced to the satisfaction of the Allotment Association. Structures must comply with the Council's specifications. A copy of specifications can be obtained from the Association.	permission from the Association and comply with BCC specifications, DEFRA regulations and animal welfare guidelines such as those available from the British Beekeeping Association. Any part of the Allotment Garden used for keeping chickens (including hens) or rabbits must be securely and adequately fenced to the satisfaction of the Allotment Association. The maximum size and positioning of structures shall be determined by the Association or the BDAC for Directly Managed Sites. A copy of specifications can be obtained from the Association.