

Allotment & Environment Committee

28st October 2025 at 5pm

Town Council Offices, Kingsway, Bishop Auckland

Present: Cllr Michael Siddle (Chair), Cllr Elliott, and Harker

Also Present: Sarah Harris, (Town Clerk) and Vicki Booth (Deputy Clerk)

AEC027/25 - Apologies for absence – Cllr Fox and Cllr Zair

Resolved: that the members noted and accepted the apologies

AEC028/25- Declaration of Interest - no declarations were made.

Resolved: that no declarations were made.

AEC029/25 - exclusion of the press and public

Resolved: that Members agreed that was agreed to exclude the Press and Public In accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do now exclude the press and public for the remaining item on the agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest. No press or public were in attendance.

AEC030/25- Major breach of tenancy – enforcement action consideration – Members were advised of a that escalation to full council would not enable the adopted procedures for Allotment Enforcement or Comments, Compliments and Complaints, as well as Allotment Rules and Regulations to be followed correctly.

Resolved: therefore, it was agreed by Members that the enforcement action be issued immediately with an additional provision of 60 days to clear the plots and relocate, leaving the plots in a suitable standard for re-letting if the council so wished to re-let. The extension from 30 days to 60 days, as a gesture of goodwill based on the volume of personal items to be re-located.

Signed Chair: