

## Policy on Insufficient Cultivation Issue 3

At the start of each season and certainly for newly let allotments, a reasonably prompt and enthusiastic start is expected, given there is a long waiting list.

Where mid-season an established allotment falls below the general standard expected, the licensee should make the first approach to discuss the reasons. If SMCA judge an allotment is being insufficiently cultivated the allotment holder will be sent this policy and invited to address the matter.

If the cause is a continuing fall in the commitment that can be sustained – either through ill health or other time pressures – expedient solutions are

- 1) To swap for a smaller plot with another allotment holder
- 2) To reduce the plot size and let out part to a new licensee.

If no other solutions are available, but the other time pressures are temporary, the plot may still have to be surrendered. The licensee can then be given a priority place on the waiting list for a new plot when one becomes available.

If no significant action is taken within three weeks of the policy being issued then one week's termination notice may be served to allow the plot to be cleared and relet.

The Club cannot make a value judgment as to the reasonableness of the cause why the level of commitment cannot be maintained, whether short or long term.

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