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**PROMOTING ALLOTMENTS IN GLASGOW**

We believe that the Guidance associated with the new allotments legislation in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015\* provides an opportunity for us to make a positive contribution to the future provision and maintenance of all the allotments in Glasgow.

\* <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2015/6/contents/enacted>

**If we all act together, we have a chance to make a big difference, protect our sites and support the creation of new ones.**

Please would you respond the Government Consultation It won't take long - just 10 minutes to put your concerns in the comments boxes - and your response will influence the final wording of the Guidance and how Glasgow City Council will work with you under the new legislation.

**Find it at:** [\[consult.scotland.gov.uk\]](http://consult.scotland.gov.uk) or  
<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/08/5347>.

**Closing Date:** November 17<sup>th</sup>

The 10 question Consultation asks you to comment on:

- 1 The size of a standard allotment.
- 2 The duty of the local authority to maintain a waiting list of those wanting an allotment.
- 3 The duty of the local authority to provide allotments for those that want them (based on the waiting list that they hold).
- 4 The duty of the local authority to provide reasonable access to allotment sites and to individual allotments on those sites that it leases to tenants.
- 5 That the use of allotment sites leased by the local authority should be based on a structure agreed between the local authority and the allotment community for their regulation and management.
- 6 The duty of the local authority to produce a food growing strategy which identifies land that could be used for allotment sites and describes how any increase in demand for allotments (identified through the centrally held waiting list) will be met.
- 7 The duty of the local authority to review the food growing strategy including the provision of new allotments.
- 8 The local authority may be asked to delegate some of its functions by allotment associations. If so they must be those functions described in section 123(3) of the Act. A reduction in rent may be agreed if functions are devolved.
- 9 The local authority can spend monies on promoting allotments in its area by providing training to ploholders and would be ploholders and by implementing strategies such as supporting links between sites and other organisations e.g. housing associations, health boards.
- 10 Lastly you are asked whether the previous nine questions cover all the relevant sections of the Act regarding the functions of local authorities.