

# AYCLIFFE VILLAGE ALLOTMENT FENCING

## AGENDA ITEM No. 12

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**MEETING:** POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2025

**REPORTED BY:** GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR

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### **1.0 Purpose of the Report**

1.0 The purpose of the report is to ask Members to consider the replacement of the boundary fence of Aycliffe Village Allotments.

### **2.0 Background Information**

2.1 The existing wooden fence is in a poor condition, with rotten posts and leaning panels currently being propped up by additional wooden supports or simply trees and bushes.

2.2 A map showing the area of the proposed fencing replacement can be seen in Appendix 1.

2.3 A budget sum of £10,000 has been allocated in the 2024/25 Capital Programme Budget for replacement gates and fencing at Aycliffe Village Allotments.

2.4 This project has been identified by the Council as an essential project in the 2024/25 Capital Programme Budget.

### **3.0 Current Situation**

3.1 It is proposed that the fencing be replaced at 1.2 metres high, rather than the 2 metres high palisade fencing installed at the Council's other allotment sites.

3.2 The location of the site and the reduced need for security mean that the fencing will be more in keeping with the village setting.

3.3 Quotations were sought from Rennyco Security Fencing, Peart Fencing and Deerness Fencing & Landscapes for two different options: -

#### **Roll Top (Safetop) Mesh**



## Palisade



- 3.4 Both Rennyco and Deerness Fencing and Landscapes attended the site to carry out an initial site survey prior to supplying quotations.
- 3.5 Peart Fencing have not attended the site and initially supplied a quotation for supply only. Upon repeated requests, an updated estimate for ‘*supply and installation*’ was given, but it should be noted that “*rates are obviously based on site survey / inspection prior to order being placed.*”

### 4.0 Policy Implications

- 4.1 This report complies with the following Council Strategic Aims: -

*Aim No. 2. - To manage the Council’s finances and assets in a responsible manner*

*Aim No. 5. – To contribute to the environmental improvement of Aycliffe by managing and developing parks, play areas and green spaces.*

### 5.0 Staffing Implications

- 5.1 Works Section staff would be employed to remove the existing wooden fence and cut back any vegetation to allow installation of the new fencing. This has helped to keep the quoted cost of installation down.

### 6.0 Financial Implications

- 6.1 A budget sum of £10,000 has been allocated in the 2024/25 Capital Programme Budget for replacement of Aycliffe Village Allotment fencing.

- 6.2 The estimates received to replace the boundary fence are summarised below:-

Supplier	Type	Cost
Rennyco Security Fencing, Darlington.	Roll Top Mesh	£12,410
	1.2m Palisade	£12,985
Peart Fencing, Hartlepool.	Roll Top Mesh	£11,762
Deerness Fencing & Landscapes, Bowburn.	Roll Top Mesh	£9,846.96
	1.2m Palisade	£12,433.41

- 6.3 It has been advised that due to the current instability in the price of materials, the estimates received may be subject to change at short notice.

6.4 The officer's preferred option would be roll - top mesh and it is recommended that the lowest quote, from Deerness Fencing, at £9,846.96, is agreed.

## **7.0 Crime and Disorder Implications**

7.1 None.

## **8.0 Equal Opportunity Implications**

8.1 None.

## **9.0 Environment , Biodiversity and Climate Change Implications**

9.1 All suppliers contacted are within 22 miles of Newton Aycliffe. Rennyco Security Fencing being the closest at approximately 6 miles away.

## **10.0 Risk Assessment**

10.1 It is not considered that the matter contained in this report poses a risk to health and safety of staff or to the financial or public standing of the Council to a degree that a risk assessment should be appended to this report.

## **11.0 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**

11.1 Is any personal or sensitive data required for this proposal which may have any implications for GDPR? **NO**

## **12.0 Recommendations**

12.1 It is recommended that Members:-

- i) Receive the report and appendix,
- ii) Confirm the officer's preferred option of roll top mesh fencing.
- iii) Agree the quote from Deerness Fencing and Landscaping at £9,846.96.
- iv) Note that if palisade fencing is the preferred option, an additional capital budget approval of £2,433 would need to be agreed.

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