

**BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**21 May 2026**

**Decision Report –**

**Recommendation that the Council:**

- **Arrange site visits to particular allotment sites under Blyth Town Council ownership for members with officers.**
- **Arrange a special meeting of the Environment Committee to consider any feedback following the completion of site visits.**

**Ward(s)**

All (no allotments in Plessey)

**Risk Management**

There is no budget requirement.

**Objective**

Promoting the environmental, social, and economic wellbeing of the town and its community.

**Crime & Disorder Prevention**

None.

**Public Sector Equality Duty**

No implications.

**Report**

Following the recent fire at the Bolam Allotment site, members requested a site visit to gain a better understanding of the condition of the overall site. A site visit was arranged to take place on 28 April; this was open to all members with officers in attendance. Members of the Blyth Small Holdings and Allotment Association were also requested to be present as they manage the site on behalf of the Town Council. Members are reminded that in accordance with Standing Order 25 they may not unless duly authorised inspect any land and/or premises which the Council has a right or duty to inspect. This inspection was arranged under delegated powers of Officers.

Recognising the desire of members to have a better understanding of each of the allotment sites and the town's allotment provision taken as a whole, Officers would also like to make provision for Members to attend planned visits to a Town Council managed site and a Newsham and New Delaval Association site (inviting representatives from their Committee to be present) to provide better background information and understanding. Inspections of all allotment sites managed by Blyth Town Council are carried out in line with the tenancy agreement and schedules, which aim

for 2-3 inspections per site per year. Inspections to Association-managed sites are carried in with a representative of the Associations.

Any feedback from members because of the site visits can be brought back to a future meeting. To date no feedback has been received from the site visit dated 28 April.

**Elaine Brown**  
**Deputy Town Clerk**  
**13 May 2026**