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Agenda Item 13 Allotment Tenancy Changes - Update

At the Full Council meeting on 20th August 2026 Councillor Wiltshire submitted a notice of motion titled 'Safety of Hadleigh Town Council owned allotments and play areas'

As part of this Full Council noted that climate change-related extreme weather, including prolonged periods of heat and drought, increases the risk of wildfire and may affect the safe use of its allotments and playing areas and also agreed that fires, barbecues, cooking or heating equipment on Town Council managed allotments and playing areas create avoidable fire risks and that combustible materials, vegetation and waste must be managed responsibly.

As part of this there was a discussion about changing the allotment tenancy agreement to prohibit fires, barbecues, cooking or heating equipment. Councillors deferred the decision on this to seek further advice as allotment tenancy agreements are legally binding. It was agreed to become members of The National Allotment Society and to seek advice from them.

The Town Clerk applied to join The National Allotment Society in August 2026 and received confirmation by post a week later, an email was sent to The National Allotment Society on 6th September 2026 but unfortunately due to annual leave and time constraints of the Town Clerk and the Legal Adviser at NAS no meeting has yet taken place but a meeting is scheduled for Friday 16th October 2026.

An update will be provided at the November Full Council meeting.