POLICY - RULES & GUIDANCE – FIRES

**PLEASE NOTE – FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS GUIDANCE, COULD**

**RESULT IN YOUR TENANCY BEING TERMINATED**

RULES

The Committee has agreed that fires must not be lit on any allotment plots. Please use the designated area if you must have a fire, and please ensure the following:-

* That the smoke is blowing away from neighbouring houses.
* Only burn matter arising from the plot, keep smoke to a minimum, vegetation should be dried before being burnt.
* No plastics, roofing material, old carpets etc. to be burnt.
* No material to be brought on site with intention to burn.

Our insurance company requires the following:

* The bonfire is attended by a responsible adult at all times
* No accelerant is used.
* Within the designated area where there is a shovel nearby and water available to extinguish it.
* In the designated area which should be a cleared area with minimal grass and scrub and a safe distance from buildings, equipment fences and vehicles.
* 10 metres from any property outside the allotment site
* The bonfire is fully extinguished with water when you have finished with it. You must not use sand or dirt for this purpose instead.

The council has received complaints about allotment bonfires from nearby residents. The council has urged us not to have fires but to compost vegetation and take other material to the Waste Re-cycling Centre. If fires cause a persistent nuisance the council has the power to issue an Abatement Notice.

**If you have material to burn but not able to take to the designated area, please contact the committee who will be happy to arrange for this to be moved for you.**

**PLEASE DO NOT DUMP RUBBISH OR WOOD IN THEDESIGNATED FIRE AREA**