



# Fleetwood Town Council

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## Allotment Pest Control Policy

### 1. Policy Statement

Fleetwood Town Council is committed to maintaining the Larkholme allotment site in a safe, healthy, and environmentally responsible manner. This policy outlines measures to prevent and control vermin in compliance with the **Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949**, the **Public Health Act 1936**, and relevant environmental legislation.

### 2. Objectives

- Protect public health and safety.
- Prevent damage to crops, structures, and the environment.
- Ensure compliance with statutory duties relating to pest control.

### 3. Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, “vermin” includes rats, mice, moles, and other pests that may cause harm to health, crops, or property.

### 4. Responsibilities

#### 4.1 Tenants

- Keep plots free from excessive waste, debris, or materials that may provide food or shelter for vermin. Any materials required to be used on the plot must be stored safely and securely.
- Store compost in secure, lidded containers.
- Avoid feeding birds or animals in a way that attracts pests i.e. feeding on the ground.
- Report any sightings or signs of vermin to the Council immediately.

#### 4.2 Council

- Conduct periodic inspections of allotment sites.
- Arrange for licensed pest control contractors where necessary.



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- Provide tenants with guidance on prevention and safe control methods.

## 5. Prevention Measures

- Maintain good housekeeping on all plots i.e. do not store unnecessary amount of materials.
- Harvest crops promptly and remove spoiled produce.
- Keep sheds and storage areas sealed.
- Avoid storing large quantities of seeds or animal feed on site.

## 6. Control Measures

- Only humane and lawful pest control methods may be used.
- The use of rodenticides must comply with **Control of Pesticides Regulations 1986** and be carried out by a trained person of Fleetwood Town Council or an external contractor.
- Traps (if used) must be checked regularly and disposed of in accordance with animal welfare legislation.

## 7. Enforcement

Failure to comply with this policy may result in the Enforcement Procedure being initiated under the allotment tenancy agreement, including possible termination of tenancy.

## 8. Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years, or sooner if legislation, guidance, or local conditions change.

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