

**2015 Annual Report appendix
Information on OCC plot provision/cost**

Oxford City Council provision is as follows:

- 2011 152,000 people.
- Number of hectares devoted to allotments is 72.40 (this is the last OCC recorded figure from 2001. We know this has changed but the leases do not so we will have to await the next lease review to confirm this)
- 72.40 hectares = 2,780 potential plots, not accounting roads etc, of which associations recognise 2,224 are occupied.
- This gives the potential for 18(2,780/152) and 15 (2,224/152) plots per 1,000 of population.
- Our most recent figures show a waiting list total of c.181 across the city which represents less than 1 per 100 plots compared with a national average of 52 per 100 plots. (Ref [Allotment waiting lists in England 2013](#))

Oxford City Council's budget documents this year state

- Oxford's population reached 152,000 in 2011 and is projected to reach 164,000 by 2017. In its recent report prior to Budget decisions OCC included that it is :
- promoting partnership with voluntary managers of local allotments, through regular meetings with the Oxford and District Federation of Allotment Associations! And it will continue to .
- to support allotments, recognizing their contribution to reducing Oxford's carbon footprint by producing an estimated 500 tonnes of vegetables to the value of £1.25 million each year' and 'providing opportunities to improve mental and physical well-being, as well as encouraging physical activity and better diet by supporting 36 popular allotments across the city' (NB There are 35 not 36 open sites, as one of these 36 is managed exclusively by OCC. It is small and as far as we know is unused and needing reclamation. There were some plans to reclaim last year for a community garden but this seems to have made no progress?)
- Oxford City Council future planning is based on the assumption that Formula Grant will be cut by an estimated 53.60% over the life of the strategy and that, by 1/4/2020, revenue support grant will be reduced to zero.'

I have included some national context for Oxford's provision and plot cost. This takes no account of whether devolved of council run, but mostly the latter.

Council	2013 population	number of sites	number of plots	Number of plots per 1000 population	Cost per 10 pole from web site info
Bath & NE Somerset C	175,500	23	1120	6	£84.30
Brighton & Hove CC	273,000	38	3051	11	£75
Bristol CC	428,100	81	2383	3	£75
Enfield	313,900	35	2812	8	£95
Hounslow	254,900	30	1903	7	65
Richmond-upon-Thames	187,500	24	1955	10	£142
Swindon BC	209,700	26	1208	5	£49.50
York City C	197,800	17	1500	7	£60
Oxford	151,905	36	2200	14	£27

2014 prices

Changes will go in for 2015

Already 5 associations have reported 50% increases. The highest plot cost in 2014 was £63, the lowest was £14.