



Meeting: Integrated Housing Board

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Report Title: Growing Food on Estates

Report of: Assistant Director for Strategic and Community Housing Services

Introduction

In recent years, prompted by rising food prices and the drive to reduce food miles, there has been increased interest in the idea of turning urban green space into community gardens and allotments.

The Abundance Project, operating from the Guinness Trust allotments in Brixton, provides a good illustration of what can be achieved by local residents cultivating public space on housing estates.

Details of the Abundance Project are attached as Appendix A.

Recommendations

It is **recommended** that the Integrated Housing Board:

- (a) Considers the benefits of cultivating urban green space, particularly on housing estates, as community gardens; and
- (b) Determines what action, if any, should be taken to encourage food growing on estates through the development of a network of community gardens in Haringey.

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