

## Peacehaven Town Council

Peacehaven Town Council, Meridian Centre, Meridian Way, Peacehaven, East Sussex. BN10 8BB

## Risk Assessment – SUPERVISED SITE VISITS TO THE ALLOTMENTS BY RESIDENTS

Background: Residents are able to carry out an inspection of their fences by booking in a visit with the Town Council.

| What are the hazards?                  | Who might be harmed and how?  | How will we control this risk?  | How controls will be checked?  |
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| Slips trips and falls                  | Staff and public  | <ul> <li>Sensible footwear to be worn.</li> <li>Avoid carrying out visits if the weather is inclement</li> </ul>  | To be assessed before entering the allotment.  |
| Contamination of the plots.            | Crops   | <ul> <li>All visitor to stick to walking only on<br/>the pathways</li> </ul>  | Two PTC employees to supervise any visits.   |
| Abuse of staff, Tenants, and residents | Staff and public  | <ul> <li>Two PTC employees to supervise any visits.</li> <li>Tenants to be informed about any visit that might take place around their plot.</li> <li>Site visit to take no more than 15 minutes</li> <li>Zero tolerance policy on abuse – staff instructed to leave immediately and phone line manager.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Staff to complete a written report about the site visit and keep it on file.</li> <li>Staff should not give any opinion on anything bought up by the residents or Tenants during the site visit, these should be either emailed to the clerk or a letter written to the council.</li> <li>Staff carry a mobile phone whilst on visits.</li> </ul> |
| Injuries                               | Staff and public – particularly if tools, equipment, or other items are left laying around. | <ul> <li>Visits to be conducted in daylight<br/>hours only.</li> <li>Paths and walkways are maintained as<br/>per requirements in Allotment T&amp;Cs.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Visits planned at appropriate times.</li> <li>6 monthly inspections of allotment site planned.</li> <li>Conditions set in T&amp;Cs.</li> </ul>  |

|                                   |  | Staff are first aid trained and have access to suitable first aid equipment.  |                         |
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| Travel to/ from<br>Allotment site | Staff travelling to the site by Council owned vehicle. | <ul> <li>Vehicle suitably serviced, maintained and MOT'd.</li> <li>Staff hold full, valid, driving licence.</li> <li>Staff member carries mobile phone in the event of an accident or breakdown.</li> <li>Staff driving Council owned vehicles are observed driving by a line manager periodically to ensure competence.</li> </ul> | • Records kept on file. |

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