

Committee	FINANCE COMMITTEE
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To receive an update on the installation of taps for 2 of the allotments

It was agreed at Council in January 2020 to approve expenditure of up to £1000 on the installation of taps on the 2 allotments at Colchester Road and Upper Fen Road, where there is currently no access to water.

Anglian water originally stated that it would be possible to put in 3 new taps for the cost of £1000, but following detailed surveys the cost of the installing the Colchester Road tap has been stated to be £1607.40, and for Upper Fenn Road in the region of £15,000. This is due to the fact that the Upper Fenn Road site is a considerable distance from the water main.

In view of these findings, it seems that we will have to find another solution. Upper Fenn Road is the allotment where requests have been made for water, and this is perhaps where attention should be given to making it possible to grow crops. The most practical solution would be to install a large enclosed water butt/ recycled chemical container for all to use, but this may need to be filled up from time to time by the groundsmen. The cost of this would be £430 including delivery.

Recommendation: that HTC approves the purchase of a large enclosed water tank.



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