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Item 3.1

From: Kirsty Sutherland

To: Veronica MacMillan

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Subject: Finances and Resources Committee Meeting in Jan 2014.Kirsty Sutherland

Dear Veronica,

Yes myself and a few others would like to submit a deputation, thank you for the date, could you confirm a time to attend the meeting and a maximum number of people who can come?

I am unsure how the deputation paperwork needs to be written out though or if the points I asked to be discussed are on the agenda?

The two main points are

- Reinstating 'Concessionary Lets' for community groups wishing to grow food on council land, particularly in less affluent areas high on the index of multiple deprivation.
- Rental valuation of council land used for urban food growing set at a fair commercial level, 'fit for the purpose of food growing', eg 1p per m2 on low quality amenity grassland.

These are the two main points in our deputation which relate to a number of sites identified by community members as suitable for food growing in North Edinburgh's most deprived areas.

If you wish further information or specifics please do tell me. If you wish copies of the constitutions and backgrounds of the organisations making the deputation can be provided. I also have a short powerpoint presentation with a few photos of community support and participation at our community garden in West Pilton if this could be shown?

Can you please advise on how best to present the request? Is there a standard template for a deputation or request for agenda points to be added to the committee meeting?

Best wishes
Kirsty Sutherland

PS attached are the committee minutes from March 2011 where the decision about no more concessionary lets was made. It is this decision we wish to have discussed and changed if possible. I am not sure of the process of discussing this subject at the committee meeting.