



HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL **BEE POLICY**

*Policy adopted by Harwich Town Council at a meeting of the Allotments Committee
on Wednesday 17th April 2013*

- i) No bee hives/boxes on plots without the express written permission of Harwich Town Council.
- ii) All applications to be in writing and will be considered on an individual basis and subject to individual conditions.
- iii) Tenants must accept full responsibility in writing for the hive/box and, in the case of a hive, either the tenant or the beekeeper must produce valid insurance and evidence they are suitably qualified to take care of a hive. In the case of box, should a swarm occur, the tenant is responsible for ensuring that the bees are removed by a suitably qualified bee keeper at the tenant's expense.
- iv) The tenant/beekeeper is to remove the hive/box immediately if requested to do so by Harwich Town Council and, if circumstances dictate, without notice.

This is a non-contractual procedure which will be reviewed from time to time.

Policy effective from: July 2024

Date for next review: July 2027 or as necessary

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