

# **FIRES / BONFIRES ON SITE**

## **– GUIDANCE FOR PLOT-HOLDERS**

Following representations from the City Council on behalf of neighbours, the Committee has issued guidance to plot-holders to ensure we are 'good neighbours' and do not lose the ability to have fire on site.

Whilst it is the Committee's view fires are an integral part of allotment life, it is a privilege not a right and **the Council can take enforcement action** if they believe it is appropriate to benefit the local neighbourhood.

**Guidance, as presented at the 2017 AGM, must be followed.**

### **Fires on Site**

- Plot-holders are permitted to dispose of wood and combustible materials by means of small controlled fires, however they should abide by a code of conduct
- Communal bonfires, on working days or other days planned by the committee, are to be conducted under the supervision of a committee member.
- All fires **MUST** be supervised and **NOT** left unattended
- Rules - Section 5 (Bonfires) are part of your lease terms (See website)

### **Code of Conduct**

- Materials to be burned should be dry and burn easily – smouldering bonfires generate unnecessary smoke and can be a nuisance to neighbours.
- Ideally, some form of containment (eg dustbin) or clear area should be used. This reduces risk of spreading and material can be dried before incineration.
- Water should be available to extinguish any fire if necessary.
- **DO NOT** light fires if the wind direction is likely to carry smoke straight into any neighbours' garden, it is a nuisance.
- **DO NOT** allow thick smoke to drift into the railway cutting
- No toxic materials should be incinerated, no tyres, plastic, rubber or refuse. Allotment cuttings and wood only.
- No materials should be brought to site for bonfires.