



## **Council working with new Frome Development Community Interest Company**

The Frome Development CIC is now up and running and the Town Council is already involved in partnership working with it and the Allotment Association to address the shortage of allotments in town. Allotments provide not only food, but a healthy place to learn and for community interaction.

The Town Council is exploring making part of the Weylands open space an allotment garden, while a grant of £7000 from the FDCIC will support extra work on paths, a shelter and a raised allotment for less able gardeners. The grant will also cover educational and training outputs and an outreach worker to build the capacity of the Association to support its members, especially those looking for new skills, and look for opportunities to use extra produce. The project will have

a focus on people with lower incomes. If successful this project will reduce the current waiting list by up to half.

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### **How is the Council doing?**

Cllr Mel Usher, Leader of the Council gives his view:

“The normal way of dealing with this question is to pick out the good things and then wrap them around with some cosy words about the future.

I would score us about 6 maybe 6.5 out of 10. Why so low?