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	Protecting Mains Water Pipes During Winter Periods	CE7/89b

Background

Neston Town Council recently invested in new regulation-compliant lockable standpipes at two allotment sites. Officers have been advised that it is usual practice for many allotment sites to provide mains water during the growing season and then to turn off the supply during the winter months, thereby allowing greater protection from damage caused by freezing temperatures.

Officer Recommendation

Where mains water is provided at allotment sites, the supply should be turned off on 31 October each year and remain turned off until 1 March the following year, with the option to delay the 1 March turn on date if freezing conditions are forecast to continue beyond the end of February. Standpipes to be locked while the water is turned off.

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