



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING

TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2015 AT 5.30 PM

EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THE GUILDHALL

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Councillor David Fuller, Liberal Democrat

Councillor David Horne, Labour

Councillor Stuart Potter, UK Independence Party

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 Council Housing Budget 2015/16 (rents and charges) (Pages 1 - 28)

The purpose of this report is to seek the Cabinet Member's decisions on Council Housing budgets, rents and other charges and to give authority for managers to incur expenditure in 2015/16.

The report also seeks to:

- Approve the Revised Revenue budgets for 2014/15 and 2015/16 and give authority to the Head of Housing and Property Services & the Head of Finance and S151 Officer, to amend the budgets to reflect the latest available information prior to finalising budgets for 2015/16.
- Note the forecast Revenue Budgets for 2016/17 to 2018/19 arising from the proposals set out in this report
- Set rents which meets Central Government's amended social rent setting policy from 2015/16 until 2025/26.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Housing approve:

- (i) All rents and charges to be effective from 1st April 2015 or such other date as determined by the Head of Housing and Property Services (HHPS) in consultation with the Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer (HFS).**
- (ii) Dwelling rents for 2015/16 to be set as in accordance with Central Government's Social Rent Policy.**
- (iii) General Service charges for 2015/16 to be set at this meeting as set out in this report, with a view to meet full cost recovery over a three period, as set out in Appendix 6.**
- (iv) Sheltered Housing Service charges for next year to be set at this meeting as set out in this report, and in accordance with Appendix 7.**
- (v) Laundry charges for next year to be set at this meeting as set out in this report, and in accordance with Appendix 8.**
- (vi) Heating charges to be set in accordance with Appendix 9.**
- (vii) Mobile home license fees as shown on Appendix 10 are approved.**
- (viii) Garages and parking site rents as shown on Appendix 10 be approved and authority to let garages at reduced rents where demand is low be delegated to Head of Housing & Property Services in consultation with the Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer.**
- (ix) Revenue budgets for 2014/15 and 2015/16 as set out in Appendix 4 be approved and authority given to the HHPS in consultation with the HFS to amend the budgets to reflect the latest available information prior**

to finalising budgets for 2015/16.

(x) The relevant Managers be authorised to incur expenditure in 2015/16.

(xi) The forecast Revenue Budgets for 2016/17 to 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 4 and arising from the proposals contained in this report be noted.

4 Change of date of next Cabinet Member for Housing's decision meeting in March

The next scheduled decision meeting for the Cabinet Member for Housing was due to take place on 10 March 2015 and the Cabinet Member for Housing will be moving this date - a provisional date of 3 March is suggested.

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