
NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING

THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY 2016 AT 5.30 PM

EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THE GUILDHALL

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AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Declaration of Interests**
- 3 **Council Housing Budget 2016/17 (including rents and service charges)**
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The law requires that all income and expenditure relating to Council Housing is accounted for separately in the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). All other

Council income and expenditure is accounted for together in a separate account called the General Fund. This report deals solely with the HRA.

The City Council has delegated the function of setting rents, charges and budgets for Council Housing to the Cabinet Member for Housing. Following extensive consultation with residents and leaseholders this report seeks to deal with all HRA budget issues.

The purpose of the report by the Director of Property & Housing 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 2016/17.

The report also seeks to:

- Approve the Revised Revenue budgets for 2015/16 and 2016/17 and give authority to the Director of Property and Housing Services & the Director of Finance and Information Services, to amend the budgets to reflect the latest available information prior to finalising budgets for 2016/17.
- Note the forecast Revenue Budgets for 2017/18 to 2019/20 arising from the proposals set out in this report
- Set rents in accordance with Central Government's amended social rent setting policy from 2016/17 until 2019/20.

RECOMMENDATIONS submitted for the approval of the Cabinet Member for Housing:

- (i) All rents and charges to be effective from 1st April 2016 or such other date as determined by the Director of Property and Housing Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and Information Services.**
- (ii) Dwelling rents for 2016/17 to be set as in accordance with Central Government's Social Rent Policy.**
- (iii) General Service charges for 2016/17 to be set at this meeting as set out in this report, with a view to be set to achieve full cost recovery, as summarised in Appendix 5.**
- (iv) Sheltered Housing Service charges for 2016/17 to be set at this meeting as set out in this report, and in accordance with Appendix 6.**
- (v) Laundry charges for 2016/17 to be set at this meeting as set out in this report, and in accordance with Appendix 7.**
- (vi) Heating charges to be set in accordance with Appendix 8.**

(vii) Garages and parking site rents as shown on Appendix 9 be approved and authority to let garages at reduced rents where demand is low be delegated to the Director of Property and Housing Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and Information Services.

(viii) Revenue budgets for 2015/16 and 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 3 be approved and authority given to the Director of Property and Housing Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and Information Services to amend the budgets to reflect the latest available information prior to finalising budgets for 2016/17.

(ix) The relevant Managers be authorised to incur expenditure in 2016/17.

(x) The forecast Revenue Budgets for 2017/18 to 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 3 arising from the proposals contained in this report, be noted.

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