
NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING

TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY 2018 AT 5.00 PM

EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THE GUILDHALL, FLOOR 3

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Councillor Jennie Brent (Conservative)

Group Spokespersons

Councillor Stephen Morgan MP, Labour
Councillor Tom Wood, Liberal Democrat
Councillor Stuart Potter, UK Independence Party

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AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Declaration of Interests**
- 3 **Mobility Scooter Storage Policy (Pages 5 - 26)**

The purpose of the report by the Director of Property & Housing Services is to

seek approval to introduce a Mobility Scooter Storage Policy for Local Authority Housing stock.

RECOMMENDED

- (1) **To agree the adoption of the Mobility Scooter Storage Policy for Local Authority Housing stock (see Appendix 4 of the report) with immediate effect;**
- (2) **Note the further piece of work to review the charging of mobility scooters and costs.**

4 Pets Policy at Wingfield Street (Nos. 1-71 odds) (Pages 27 - 40)

The purpose of the report by the Director of Property & Housing Services is to seek approval to amend the Local Authority Housing Pets Policy Appendix and categorise Wingfield Street (Nos.1-71 odds) as a 'pets' block.

RECOMMENDED that Wingfield Street (Nos. 1-71 odds) be listed as a 'pets' block in the Appendix attached to the Local Authority Housing Pets Policy.

5 Council Housing Budget 2018/19 (including rents, fees and charges) (Pages 41 - 60)

The purpose of the report by the Director of Property & Housing and the Director of Finance & Information Services 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 2018/19.

The report also seeks to:

- Approve the Revised Revenue budgets for 2017/18 and 2018/19 and give authority to the Director of Property and Housing & the Director of Finance and Information Services, to amend the budgets to reflect the latest available information prior to finalising budgets for 2018/19.
- Note the forecast Revenue Budgets for 2019/20 to 2020/21 arising from the proposals set out in this report
- Set rents in accordance with Central Government's social rent setting policy.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Housing approve the following:

- (i) **All rents and charges to be effective from 1st April 2018 or such other date as determined by the Director of Property and Housing in consultation with the Director of Finance and Information Services.**
- (ii) **Dwelling rents for 2018/19 to be set as in accordance with**

Central Government's Social Rent Policy.

- (iii) General Service charges for 2018/19 to be set at this meeting as set out in this report, and in accordance with Appendix 5.**
- (iv) Sheltered Housing Service charges for 2018/19 to be set at this meeting as set out in this report, and in accordance with Appendix 6.**
- (v) Laundry charges for 2018/19 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 2017/18 and 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 3 be approved and authority given to the Director of Property and Housing 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 2018/19.**
- (ix) The relevant Managers be authorised to incur expenditure in 2018/19.**
- (x) The forecast Revenue Budgets for 2019/20 to 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 3 arising from the proposals contained in this report, be noted.**

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