



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

MONDAY, 24 JANUARY 2022 AT 4.30 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE GUILDHALL

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Membership

Councillor Darren Sanders (Cabinet Member)

Councillor Cal Corkery

Councillor Scott Payter-Harris

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AGENDA

Meeting information: Risk Assessment for Council Chamber

- 1 Apologies for absence**
- 2 Declarations of interest**
- 3 Council Housing Budget (including rents) 2022/2023 (Pages 9 - 46)**

Purpose

1. 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.
2. The City Council has delegated the function of setting rents, charges and revenue budgets for Council Housing to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Preventing Homelessness. Following consultation with residents and leaseholders, this report seeks to address all HRA budget issues.
3. The purpose of this report is to seek the Cabinet Member's decisions on the City Council Housing budgets, rents and other charges and to give authority for managers to incur expenditure in 2022/23.
4. The report also seeks to:

- Note the Forecast Revenue Outturn for 2021/22 and give authority to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services & the Director of Finance and Resources to amend the budgets to reflect the latest available information prior to finalising budgets for 2022/23.
- Note the Forecast Revenue Budgets for 2023/24 to 2024/25 arising from the proposals set out in this report.
- Set rents with an average increase of 4.1%, which is in line with the maximum increase allowed by Central Government's Social Rent Setting Policy.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member approves the following:

- (i) The Forecast Revenue Outturn for 2021/22 arising from monitoring discussions with Managers, as set out at Appendix 3, be noted.**
- (ii) All rents and charges to be effective from 28th March 2022 or such other date as determined by the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources.**
- (iii) Dwelling Rents for 2022/23 to be set with an average increase of 4.1%, which is in line with the maximum allowable under Central Government's Social Rent Setting Policy.**
- (iv) General Service Charges for 2022/23 to be set at this meeting, as set out in this report, and in accordance with Appendix 5.**
- (v) Sheltered Housing Service Charges for 2022/23 to be set at this meeting, as set out in this report, and in accordance with Appendix 6.**
- (vi) Laundry Charges for 2022/23 to be set at this meeting, as set out in this report, and in accordance with Appendix 7.**
- (vii) Heating Charges for 2022/23 to be set in accordance with Appendix 8.**
- (viii) Garages and Parking Site Rents for 2022/23, as shown in Appendix 9, be approved and authority to let garages at reduced rents where demand is low be delegated to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources.**
- (ix) The Revenue Budget for 2022/23, as set out in Appendix 3, be approved and authority given to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources to amend the budgets to reflect the latest available information prior to finalising budgets for**

2022/23.

- (x) The relevant Managers be authorised to incur expenditure in 2022/23.**
- (xi) The Forecast Revenue Budgets for 2023/24 and 2024/25 arising from the proposals contained in this report, as set out in Appendix 3, be noted.**

4 Update on Full Fibre to the Home - City Fibre (Pages 47 - 56)

Purpose

To provide the Cabinet Member for Housing and Preventing Homelessness with an update on Full Fibre to the Home City Fibre infrastructure works.

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