

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
6th FEBRUARY, 2013

At its meeting on 16th January 2013, the Cabinet received a joint report of the Executive Directors of Communities, Place and Resources, which provided the 2013/14 update to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan 2012-17. The Cabinet made a recommendation on the proposed HRA Revenue Budget 2013-14 and rent increase which is required to be approved by the City Council.

The Cabinet minute, including the recommendation required to be approved by the Council, is set out below:-

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE, HRA BUDGET AND RENT INCREASE 2013/14

The Executive Directors of Communities, Place and Resources, submitted a joint report which provided the 2013/14 update to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan 2012-17.

RESOLVED: That this Cabinet recommends to the meeting of the City Council on 6th February, 2013 that :-

- (a) the HRA Business Plan update report for 2013/14 be approved;
- (b) the HRA Revenue Budget for 2013/14 as set out in Appendix B of the Cabinet report be approved ;
- (c) an increase in rents for Council dwellings by an average of 4.8% from April 2013 be approved;
- (d) an increase in annual rents for garages and garage sites by an average of 4.8% from April 2013 be approved;
- (e) an increase in community heating charges by 5% in 2013/14 be approved;
- (f) the Director of Commissioning, Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods, be granted delegated authority to increase the sheltered housing service charge in the event of the City Wide Care Alarms charge being increased in 2013/14;
- (g) charges for furnished accommodation, interim accommodation, and burglar alarms be not increased; and
- (h) the Director of Commissioning, Communities and the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods, be granted delegated authority to authorise prudential borrowing as allowed under current government guidelines.

(NOTE: A copy of the Executive Directors' joint report has been circulated to all Members of the City Council with the Council Summons.)

John Mothersole
Chief Executive