

Report to Housing Select Committee

Date of meeting: 12 January 2016

Portfolio: Housing – Cllr D. Stallan

Subject: Proposed Council Rent Increase 2016/17

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Recommendations:

- (1) That the Summary of the proposed HRA Budget 2016/17 (if available to be tabled at the meeting) be noted; and**
- (2) That the Select Committee receives an oral presentation on the main issues relating to the HRA Budget 2016/17 and associated rent increase from the Director of Communities.**

Report:

1. At its meeting to be held on 21st January 2016, the Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee will be considering the HRA Budget 2016/17 and an associated recommendation on the Council rent increase for 2016/17. Members of the Resources Select Committee will also be invited to attend the meeting and take part in the discussion on all of the Council's budgets for 2016/17.
2. The recommendations of the Cabinet Committee will then be considered by the Cabinet, at its meeting on 4th February 2016, which will make its recommendations to the next meeting of the Full Council.
3. It has become customary for the Housing Select Committee to be briefed each year by the Director of Communities on the key issues relating to the HRA Budget and, in particular, the proposed Council rent increase.
4. Since the Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee will be held over a week after the Housing Select Committee meeting, it has not been possible to provide any budgets or reports with the Agenda. However, it is hoped that the HRA Summary 2016/17, and the associated commentary provided to the Cabinet Committee on the HRA Budget, will be available to table at the meeting.
5. In any event, at the meeting, the Director of Communities will brief members of the Select Committee on the key issues relating to the HRA Budget and associated proposed rent increase.