

### HRA FEES AND CHARGES 2008/09

- Dwelling rents

The effect of the new rent restructuring arrangements on rent increases for April 2008 shows that the base % increase is 4.4% (which is RPI + 0.5%), plus, on average, a further 1.4% for the move towards housing association rent levels. In cash terms, the average rent increases by £2.56 (from £58.29 to £60.85) plus a further £0.82 for the move to housing association rent levels, giving a new average rent of £61.67. The overall average rent increase is 5.8%.

- Garages and Parking spaces

A 5.8% increase means the charge to tenants for garages increases to £7.45pw and the charge to tenants for parking spaces increases to £1.50 pw

- Service charges

Individual charges based on a 5.8% increase are shown below:

Item	Current Charge £/Wk	New Charge £/Wk
Service Charge – Tower Block	£4.81	£5.09
Service Charge – Sheltered Cat. 2 Flat	£2.52	£2.67
Service Charge – Manston Court	£3.09	£3.27

- Supporting people charges

These charges are linked to any change in supporting people grant. There will be a cash freeze on these grants in 2008/09 so there is no increase in these charges to tenants, which remain at:

- Category 1 - £5.06pw
- Category 2 - £10.52pw
- Category 2.5 - £46.24pw