

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Thursday, 16 September 2010

Decision No: (CAB 09/10 4280)

DECISION-MAKER:	HEAD OF DECENT HOMES
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HOUSING
SUBJECT:	LANDLORD CONTROLLED HEATING CHARGES
AUTHOR:	UTILITIES MANAGER

THE DECISION

- (i) An increase in landlord heating charges of 14.0% to be made with effect from 1st November 2010.
- (ii) To note that following the financial year-end of 2010/11 analysis to be made on the financial position with further relevant recommendations submitted for approval.
- (iii) To note that further investigations into ways of reducing the heating expenditure are undertaken – for example, insulation in tower blocks and controlling heating levels / times.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 1 The financial outturn figures for 2009/10 show that the deficit on the account has increased to £601,000, which is £283,000 higher than expected.
- 2 It is necessary to address the level of deficit on the account and eventually restore balances to the agreed levels. Given the scale of the deficit it is considered impractical to correct this position in a single increase.
- 3 A further review to assess forecast costs and income will be undertaken to determine whether notice needs to be given of a further increase from October 2011.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

None detailed in report.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

Decision deferred from 9th to 16th September 2010 to ensure appropriate further consultation with the new Cabinet Member and officers.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date:

Decision Maker:
Head of Decent Homes

Proper Officer:
Sharon Pearson

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on 24th September 2010.

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*