

## Summary Sheet

**Council – 25 January 2017**

**Title:**

Housing Rents 2017/18

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

Yes – key decision taken by Cabinet on 9 January 2017

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

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**Ward(s) Affected**

All Wards

## Summary

At the Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting on 9 January 2017, the Cabinet agreed to recommend proposed values for the setting of the housing rents and non-dwelling rents for 2017-18.

In order to give effect to the recommendations from Cabinet, consideration and approval by Council must be given to the recommendations set out below. The report detailing the reasoning behind the recommendations is appended in order to provide Members with sufficient knowledge to agree the proposals.

## Recommendations

1. That dwelling rents be reduced by 1% for 2017/18 in line with the requirements outlined in the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016. The average dwelling rent for 2017/18 will be £73.29 per week over 52 weeks, an average reduction of £0.74 per week.
2. The average rent for the energy efficient council properties be reduced by 1% to £94.48 per week, an average reduction of £0.95 per week.

3. That there be a 1% increase to charges for garage rents, communal facilities, laundry facilities and cooking gas in 2017/18 in line with the increase in Consumer Price Index (CPI) as at September 2016.

**List of Appendices Included**

Report to Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting – 9 January 2017  
'Housing Rents 2017/18'

**Background Papers**

Minutes of the Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting – 9 January 2017

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting – 9 January 2017

**Council Approval Required**

Yes

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No