

## Summary Sheet

### Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 24 January 2018

### Report Title

Recommendation from Cabinet – Housing Revenue Account Rents & Service Charges 2018/19

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

Yes

### Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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### Ward(s) Affected

All

### Summary

At its meeting on 15 January 2018, the Cabinet considered a report in respect of the proposed rents and service charges for the Housing Revenue Account 2018/19.

The original report providing detail to the proposals is appended in order to provide Members with sufficient knowledge to agree the proposals.

In order to give effect to the recommendations from Cabinet, consideration and approval by Council must be given to the recommendation set out below.

### Recommendations

1. That dwelling rents are reduced by 1% for 2018/19 in line with the requirements outlined in the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016.
2. That there is a 3% increase to charges for garage rents, communal facilities, cooking gas and laundry facilities in 2018/19 in line with the increase in Consumer Price Index as at September 2017.

3. That the unit charge per Kwh for District Heating Schemes remains at the same level as agreed by the Council in December 2017.
4. That the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2018/19 be approved.

**List of Appendices Included**

- Appendix 1 – Housing Revenue Account Rents & Service Charges 2018/19 –  
Report to Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting – 15  
January 2018
- Appendix A – HRA Draft Budget Operating Statement 2018/19 (-1% Rent Decrease)

**Background Papers**

Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 DCLG Guidance on Rents for Social Housing  
from 2015/16 (May 2014)

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

Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting – 15 January 2018

**Council Approval Required**

Yes

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No