
REPORT OF CABINET

MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2004

Chair: * Councillor Foulds

Councillors: * D Ashton * C Mote
* Burchell * O'Dell
* Margaret Davine * N Shah
* Dighé * Stephenson
† Miss Lyne

* Denotes Member present
† Denotes apologies received

[Note: Councillor Stephen Thornton also attended this meeting in a participatory role].

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION II - Housing Revenue Account 2004/5

The ALMO Project Director introduced the report and drew Members' attention to the recommendation from the Tenants' and Leaseholders' Consultative Forum held on 8 January 2004 and the addendum report and appendices which had been circulated on the third and fourth supplemental agendas. It had been necessary to circulate the addendum report and appendices as the Housing Revenue Account subsidy information had been received after the Cabinet agenda had been published.

The ALMO Project Director indicated that the Tenants' and Leaseholders' Consultative Forum had made no significant comments on the Housing Revenue Account 2004/5 report. In response to a Member's question in relation to the ODPM Rent Restructuring guidance, the ALMO Project Director stated that it would be unwise to veer away from this guidance.

Resolved to RECOMMEND:

- (1) To note the comments made by the Tenants' and Leaseholders' Consultative Forum held on 8 January 2004;
- (2) that there be a rent increase for Council dwellings of an average of 2.7%, calculated in accordance with the Government's Rent Restructuring Guidance, to take effect from 5 April 2004;
- (3) that a revised charge for garages, carports and car spaces to take effect from 5 April 2004, in line with (2) above, and as set out in Appendix D to the addendum report of the Executive Director (Urban Living) be approved ;
- (4) that revised charges for community halls/room lettings and the nightly charge for guest rooms to take effect from 5 April 2004, in line with (2) above, and as set out in Appendix C to the addendum report of the Executive Director (Urban Living) be approved;
- (5) that the facilities charges as set out in Appendix E to the addendum report of the Executive Director (Urban Living) take effect from 5 April 2004, be approved;
- (6) that the proposed rents for short-life properties managed by housing associations in line with (2) above as set out in Appendix B to the addendum report of Executive Director (Urban Living) be approved.

Reason for Decision: To enable the Council to recover an appropriate level of income from rents and associated charges during 2004/05.