

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	17 February 2004
Subject:	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 2003-4 to 2006-7 - addendum
Key decision:	Yes
Responsible Chief Officer:	Executive Director – Business Connections
Relevant Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio holder for Planning, Housing and Best Value
Status:	Part I
Ward:	All
Enclosures:	Appendix A HRA MTBS 2003/04 to 2006/07

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out revisions to the report submitted to Cabinet on 13 January 2004 in order to comply with the requirement of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to produce a balanced budget. This follows changes to information available at that time of the meeting.

2. Recommendations (for decision by Cabinet)

- 2.1 The Cabinet is asked to:
- 2.2 Approve the revised HRA Budget for 2003-2004.
- 2.3 Approve the 2004-5 HRA Budget
- 2.4 Approve the 3 year HRA Budget Projections
- 2.5 Approve the proposed level of working balance at 2.0% minimum and 3.0% optimum of gross expenditure. To be achieved over the life of the current MTBS.
- 2.6 Agree the revised capital financing strategy in accordance with Prudential guidelines
- 2.7 Approve the usage of the additional subsidy as set out in the report (paragraph 5.20)
- 2.8 Note the inclusion of estimates on a possible ALMO
- 2.9 That the IT development be approved subject to compliance with the overall Corporate IT Strategy.
- 2.10 Approve the increase in Sheltered Accommodation charges for those not eligible for financial support by 71p per week to £25.88 (paragraph 5.21)
- 2.11 That the proposals set out in Paragraph 5.25 on future action be endorsed
- 2.12 Confirm the rent increase approved by Cabinet and Council respectively on 13th and 22nd January 2004.

REASON: To comply with the requirement of the Local Government and housing Act 1989 and produce a balanced budget for 2004-2005

Background Information and Options Considered

Tenants in Sheltered Accommodation. Under guidance from the ODPM charges are made for long term housing support services, and includes HRA sheltered accommodation. It should be noted that the charges for HRA sheltered accommodation are payable only by tenants not eligible for financial support for support costs and, where the tenancy commenced after 1 April 2003.

These support costs are currently being charged £25.17 per week. It is proposed to increase this charge by inflation (2.8%) to £25.88. This represents £23.79 for general counselling and support and £2.09 for the alarm system.

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