



Working in partnership with **Eastbourne Homes**

**Meeting:** Council  
**Date:** 20 February 2019  
**Subject:** Housing revenue account budget 2019/20  
**Report of:** Councillor Holt on behalf of the Cabinet

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**Minute extract  
Cabinet – 6 February 2019.**

**59 Housing revenue account budget 2019/20**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer regarding the detailed housing revenue account (HRA) budget proposals, rent levels, service charges and heating costs for 2019/20 and the housing revenue account capital programme for 2018/22.

**Recommended to Council (Budget and policy framework):**

- (1) To approve the HRA budget for 2019/20 and revised 2018/19 as set out at appendix 1 to the report.
  - (2) To approve that social and affordable rents (including Shared Ownership) are decreased by 1% in line with Government policy.
  - (3) To grant delegated authority to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet portfolio holders for Financial Services and Direct Assistance Services, to take measures in the management of the Week 53 rent year.
  - (4) To approve that service charges for general needs properties are decreased by 13.20%.
  - (5) To approve that service charges for the older persons sheltered accommodation are increased by 0.24%.
  - (6) To approve that the support charge for sheltered housing residents remained at £7.20 per unit, per week.
  - (7) To approve that heating costs were set at a level designed to recover the estimated actual cost.
  - (8) To approve that water charges are set at a level designed to recover the estimated cost of metered consumption.
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(9) To approve that garage rents remained at current levels.

(10) To grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holders for Financial Services and Direct Assistance Services and the Head of Finance to finalise Eastbourne Homes' management fee and delivery plan.

(11) To approve the housing revenue account capital programme as set out at appendix 2 to the report.

**Reason for decisions:**

The Cabinet has to recommend to Full Council the setting of the HRA revenue and capital budget and the level of social and affordable housing rents for the forthcoming year.

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| <b>Date:</b>      | <b>20 February 2019</b>  |
| <b>Subject:</b>   | <b>HRA Revenue Budget and Rent Setting 2019/20 and HRA Capital Programme 2018/22</b> |
| <b>Report of:</b> | <b>Councillor Di Cara on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee</b>                        |

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**Minute extract**  
**Scrutiny Committee – 4 February 2019**

**53 HRA Revenue Budget and Rent Setting 2019/20 and HRA Capital Programme 2018/22**

The Committee noted the report of the Chief Finance Officer which detailed HRA budget proposals, rent levels, service charges and heating costs for 2019/20, and the HRA Capital Programme 2018/22.

**Resolved:**

That Members note the following recommendations to be considered by the Cabinet on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019:

- i) The HRA budget for 2019/20 and revised 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 1;

- ii) That social and affordable rents (including Shared Ownership) are decreased by 1% in line with Government policy;
- iii) That delegated authority be given to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio holders for Financial Services and Direct Assistance Service, to take measures in the management of the Week 53 rent year;
- iv) That service charges for general needs properties are decreased by 13.20%;
- v) Those service charges' for the Older Persons Sheltered Accommodation are increased by 0.24%;
- vi) That the Support charge for Sheltered Housing Residents remains at £7.20 per unit, per week;
- vii) That heating costs are set at a level designed to recover the estimated actual cost;
- viii) That water charges are set at a level designed to recover the estimated cost of metered consumption;
- ix) Garage rents remain at current levels;
- x) To give delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holders for Financial Services and Direct Assistance Service and the Head of Finance to finalise Eastbourne Homes' Management Fee and Delivery Plan; and
- xi) The HRA Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 2.

**Reason:**

The Cabinet has to recommend to Full Council the setting of HRA revenue and capital budget and the level of social and affordable housing rents for the forthcoming year.

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