

MINUTES OF SPECIAL HOUSING COMMITTEE HELD ON

5 February 2008

7:35pm – 8.26pm

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Mark Wilkinson (Chair)

Simon Carter

Lee Dangerfield

Joshua Jolles
(arrived at 7:40pm)

Su Lawton

Gregory Peck

Lesley Rideout

APOLOGIES

Rob Eschle

ALSO PRESENT

Mike Danvers

CO-OPTees

Ms Hogan
(Leaseholder
Representative)

Mr KcKenzie
(Tenant
Representative)

61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

62. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2008/09

The Committee received a report setting out the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for 2008/09 and forecast outturn for the current year together with the information necessary to set a balanced budget as required by legislation.

RECOMMENDED to the Policy and Resources Committee that:

- A. The rent increase for individual dwellings is set in accordance with Government guidelines for 2008/09 set out in paragraphs 12 to 24 of this report, and effective from 7th April 2008. The approach creates an average weekly rent of £67.91.

- B. Service Charges for individual dwellings, are as set out in paragraphs 25 to 37 of this report, and effective from 7th April 2008. The approach creates an average weekly rent of £1.95.
- C. Heating charges are increased as set out in paragraphs 41 to 49 of this report.
- D. Garage rents are increased by 3% from 7th April 2008, as set out in paragraph 50 and 52 of this report.
- E. Other Charges are increased by 3% from 7th April 2008, as set out in paragraph 53 of this report.
- F. The net cost of Supporting People is borne by the Housing Revenue Account with effect from 2008/09, as set out in paragraph 54.
- G. The growth and savings outlined in paragraphs 66 to 67 be approved.
- H. The HRA budget as set out at Appendix A of this report is approved.

63. **HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008/09-2012/13**

The Committee received a report on the Housing Capital Programme for 2008/09 – 2012/2013.

RECOMMENDED to the Policy and Resources Committee that:

- A. Borrowing of £3.8m to support the capital programme and a contribution of £NIL from the Housing Revenue Account be made towards the financing of the Housing Capital Programme, 2008/09.

- B. The percentage of Right To Buy receipts to be used to fund the housing capital programme for 2008/09 be agreed at 50%.
- C. Earmarking of garage receipts will continue in 2008/09 but would be subject to the annual review of the Council's capital requirements and resources.
- D. The Housing Capital Programme 2008/09 is approved, as set out in Appendix C.
- E. The forecast 2009/10 to 2012/13 is noted, as set out in Appendix C.

64. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

65. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED to note that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on the 6 March 2008 at 7.30pm.