

**Meeting:** Council

**Date:** 24 February 2021

**Subject:** Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue Budget and Rent Setting 2021/22 and HRA Capital Programme 2020-24

**Report of:** Councillor Stephen Holt on behalf of the Cabinet

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The Council is asked to consider the draft minute and resolution of the Cabinet meeting held on 10 February 2021 as set out below.

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The Council is recommended to agree the following:

- (1) The HRA budget for 2021/22 and revised 2020/21 budget as set out at appendix 1 to the Cabinet report.
  - (2) That social and affordable rents (including Shared Ownership) are increased by 1.5% in line with government policy.
  - (3) That service charges for general needs properties are increased by 1.5% (CPI +1%).
  - (4) That the service charge for the Older Persons' Sheltered Accommodations increases by an average of 1.5%.
  - (5) That the Support charges for Sheltered Housing Residents are set at £7.82 per unit, per week, an increase of 1.5%.
  - (6) That heating costs are increased by 1.5% (CPI+1%) in line with estimated costs set at a level designed to recover the actual cost.
  - (7) That water charges are increased by 1.5% (CPI+1%) designed to recover the estimated cost of metered consumption.
  - (8) Garage rents are increased by 2.1% (September RPI+1%).
  - (9) To give delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio holders for Financial Services and Direct Assistance Services and the Chief Finance Officer to finalise Eastbourne Homes' Management Fee and Delivery Plan.
  - (10) The HRA Capital Programme as set out at appendix 2 to the Cabinet report.
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**Draft minute extract****Cabinet – 10 February 2021**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer, asking them to agree the detailed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget proposals, rent levels, service charges and heating costs for 2021/22, and the HRA Capital Programme 2020/24.

**Recommend to Full Council (Budget and policy framework)**

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**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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