

**Meeting:** Full Council

**Date:** 23 February 2022

**Subject:** Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue Budget and Rent Setting 2022/23 and HRA Capital Programme 2021-25

**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 **9 February 2022** as set out below.

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**The Council is recommended to approve:**

- (1) The HRA budget for 2022/23 and revised 2021/22 budget as set out at Appendix 1 to the Cabinet report.
  - (2) That social and affordable rents (including Shared Ownership) are increased by 4.1% in line with government policy.
  - (3) That the average General Needs Housing Benefit (HB) Eligible service charge will be £5.04 per week
  - (4) That the average HB Eligible service charge for Retirement Housing will be £35.85 per week
  - (5) That the Support charge for Retirement Housing will be £5.44 per unit.
  - (6) That the average Non-HB Eligible heating charges will be £3.49 per week.
  - (7) That the average non-HB Eligible water charges will be £3.33.
  - (8) That Garage rents are increased by 4.86% (September RPI).
  - (9) To grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio holders for Financial Services and Direct Assistance Service 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 – 9 February 2022.**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer, asking it to recommend to Full Council, the detailed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget proposals, rent levels, service charges and heating costs for 2022/23, and the HRA Capital Programme 2021-25.

The Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Planning added that the Council would be looking to support those that would be experiencing hardship as a result of the increase in the cost of living.

### **Recommended 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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