

FC76. Housing Revenue Account and Council House Rents 2017/18 – 2019/20

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services presenting a draft Housing Revenue Account for the financial year 2017/18; making recommendations on the level of council house and other rents for 2017/18 and proposing indicative rent levels for the years 2017/18 to 2019/20.

Baillie Coombes, seconded by Councillor C Martin, moved that Council agrees:-

- (1) the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2017/18 as set out in appendix 2 to the report;
- (2) a rent increase of 3.6% to be applied from 1st April 2017, increasing the average fortnightly charge from £133.98 to £138.80;
- (3) to increase lock-up garage rents from an average of £6.14 per week to £6.36 per week;
- (4) to increase garage site rents from £79 per annum to £80 per annum;
- (5) to increase Castings Hostel rents from £22.66 per room per day to £23.48 per room per day (excluding fuel charges);
- (6) to increase homeless property rents from an average of £183.88 per week to £190.50 per week, and
- (7) to note the indicative budgets and rent increase for 2018/19 and 2019/20 as representing the best available information at this time.

As an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved the terms of the motion subject to the following alteration:

- (2) the rent increase is restricted to inflation (currently around 1.8%) for 2017/18 helping those hardest pressed working families who are impacted the most by Westminster's austerity agenda. The fortnightly changes to be adjusted accordingly with the balance to be drawn from reserves and efficiency savings.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i), a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Coombes; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol, Nimmo.

For the amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Garner, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Turner and Spears.

Decision

Council agreed the motion.