

CABINET**Tuesday, 15th January, 2019**

Present:-

Councillor P Gilby (Chair)

Councillors	Bagley Blank Brunt A Diouf	Councillors	T Gilby Huckle Ludlow Serjeant
Non-voting Members	Catt		J Innes

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

**82 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS
RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

83 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Dickinson.

84 MINUTES**RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 18 December, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

85 FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan for the four month period 1 February to 31 May, 2019 was reported for information.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

86 **DELEGATION REPORT**

Decisions taken by Cabinet Members during December, 2018 were reported.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Delegation Report be noted.

87 **MINUTES OF THE SHEFFIELD CITY REGION MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY**

Minutes of the meeting of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority held on 29 October, 2018 were reported for information.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes be noted.

88 **REVISED CORPORATE AND HOUSING ASB POLICIES FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

The Neighbourhoods Manager presented a report seeking approval for the adoption of a revised Corporate Anti-social Behaviour Policy and Housing Services Anti-social Behaviour Policy.

Approval was given by Cabinet on 13 November, 2018 to begin a consultation on the draft policies. Copies of the consultation documents were provided to a group of council tenants, the Tenant Challenge Panel, Derbyshire Constabulary, Derbyshire County Council Community Safety Unit and Derbyshire Law Centre.

Following the consultation, amendments were made to the policies to include assurances that serious anti-social behaviour from a previous tenant would be taken into account when re-letting the property, to avoid neighbouring tenants suffering a similar experience again, and revisions to procedures for the storage, retention and deletion of data.

The summary of consultation responses along with the revised policies were attached as appendices to the officer's report.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the Corporate Anti-social Behaviour Policy and Housing Services Anti-social Behaviour Policy be approved and implemented from 5 February, 2019.
2. That the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and the Cabinet Member for Homes and Customers be granted delegated authority to approve minor policy amendments between formal review periods.
3. That a full review of the policies takes place after 3 years.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To take account of developments in anti-social behaviour characteristics, legislation and national and local priorities.

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ANNUAL HRA RENT AND SERVICE CHARGE SETTING

The Assistant Director – Housing and the Director of Finance and Resources submitted a report recommending for approval Council house rent and service charge levels for 2019/20.

Pursuant to Minute No. 126 (Cabinet, 2016/17), from 1 April 2019 onwards all Chesterfield Borough Council housing rents (social and affordable) will be reduced by 1%, which will result in an average actual decrease of £0.77 per week on a 52 week basis for tenants in 2019/20.

A detailed summary of the proposed service charge levels for 2019/20 was attached at Appendix 1 to the officer's report. It was noted that the proposed charges had been devised to ensure that all services break even on costs.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That for 2019/20, approval be given to set individual social rents based on the current National Social Rent Policy, giving a cash rent decrease of 1% with effect from 1 April, 2019.

2. That for 2019/20 onwards, approval be given to increase the rent level for a social rent property to the target rent, where the property is re-let to a new or transferring tenant.
3. That for 2019/20 onwards, approval be given to set individual affordable rents based on the current National Social Rent Policy, giving a cash rent decrease of 1% with effect from 1 April, 2019.
4. That for 2019/20 onwards, approval be given to set the rent level of an affordable rent property that is re-let to a new or transferring tenant, by reference to 80% of the market rent for a similar property prevailing at the time of re-letting.
5. That the revised levels of service charges, as set out in paragraph of the officer's report, be approved.
6. That the Director of Finance and Resources, in consultation with the Assistant Director – Housing, be granted delegated authority to implement any variation of rent during the 2019/20 financial year as necessary to take account of the adjustments referred to in paragraph 3.15 of the officer's report.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

1. To enable the council to set the level of council house rents in accordance with Government guidelines.
2. To enable the council to set service charges for 2019/20 and to ensure that the cost of delivering services continues to break even.
3. To contribute to the council's corporate priority 'To improve the quality of life for local people'.

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COLLECTION FUND REVISED ESTIMATES 2018/19

The Director of Finance and Resources presented the Collection Fund revised estimates for 2018/19. An estimated deficit of £27,135 on the Council Tax elements of the Collection Fund was expected.

The report noted that the major precepting authorities would be able to take this deficit into account when setting their Council Tax precepts for the 2019/20 financial year.

***RESOLVED –**

That the estimated deficit on the Council Tax Collection Fund of £27,135 be agreed and allocated to the major precepting authorities as outlined in Appendix A to the officer's report.

REASON FOR DECISION

To fulfil a statutory requirement and to feed into the budget setting process for 2019/20.