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Dear Councillor,

Record of Decision taken by Cabinet - 24 January, 2017

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on 24 January, 2017, the following decisions were reached on the items listed in the attached schedule.

The implementation of these Cabinet decisions is suspended until the call-in period has expired without a call-in being validly invoked. Any Member of the Council shall be entitled to call for a decision to be suspended by giving notice to the Monitoring Officer *either by telephone, fax, email or in writing not later than 5.00 pm on the day following the date of the Cabinet meeting.*

Any decision so suspended shall not be capable of implementation for a period of five calendar days from the date of the Cabinet meeting which will expire on 29 January, 2016.

(DURING THE CALL-IN PERIOD A REQUEST MAY BE MADE IN RESPECT OF ANY DECISION SO SUSPENDED BY NOT LESS THAN ONE QUARTER OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE OVERVIEW AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE. TO DO THIS YOU WILL NEED TO NOTIFY THE MONITORING OFFICER IN WRITING, BY FAX OR BY EMAIL BY 5.00 PM ON 29 JANUARY, 2016 BEING FIVE DAYS FOLLOWING THE DAY OF THE CABINET MEETING.)

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Public Information

6. Annual Housing Revenue Account Rent and Service Charge Increase

***RESOLVED –**

1. That for 2017/18 individual social rents be set based on the current National Social Rent Policy, giving a cash rent decrease of 1.0% with effect from 3 April 2017.
2. That for 2017/18 and onwards, where a social rent property is re-let to a new or transferring tenant, the rent level be increased to the target rent for that property.
3. That for 2017/18 individual affordable rents be set based on the current National Social Rent Policy, giving a cash rent decrease of 1.0% with effect from 3 April 2017.
4. That for 2017/18 and onwards, where an affordable rent property is re-let to a new or transferring tenant the rent level be set by reference to 80% of the market rent for a similar property at the time of re-letting.
5. That from 3 April, 2017;
 - I. heating service charges for Sheltered Schemes are increased from an average of £18.13 to £18.49 per week.
 - II. garage rents are increased from £6.22 to £6.72 per week.
 - III. that the annual rental charges for garage sites are increased as below:
 - Shale sites from £42.50 to £45.90
 - Asphalt sites from £53.50 to £57.80
 - Other sites from £58.50 to £63.20
 - IV. Tenants Metered Water Charges are increased on average from £3.70 to £3.77 per week.
 - V. the weekly charges for the Garden Assistance Scheme are increased as below:

- Grass cutting and hedges from £4.45 to £4.70
 - Grass only from £3.15 from £3.30
 - Hedges only from £1.30 to £1.40
- VI. the Sheltered Scheme service charge is increased from £12.57 to £12.78 per week.
- VII. there is no increase in the Sheltered Scheme support charge.
- VIII. the weekly charges for the Careline service (inclusive of equipment rental) are increased as below:
- Monitor and Response, £5.50 to £6.00
 - Monitor, Response and support service, £8 to £8.50
- IX. hire rates for Community Rooms be charged at a rate of between £8 and £20 for a 4 hour slot, dependent on the nature of the group hiring the room.
- X. the weekly charge for communal staircase cleaning is increased from £1.74 to £2.10.
- XI. the Tenant Home Contents Insurance Premium Tax is increased from 9.5% to 10%.
6. That from no later than 1 April, 2018 the council moves from collecting rent from a 48 to a 52 week basis, and that tenant consultation on this and other changes to the tenancy agreement takes place during 2017/18.

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 2017/18 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'.

7. Collection Fund Revised Estimates 2016/17

***RESOLVED –**

That the estimated surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund for 2016/17 of £367,981 be approved and allocated to the major precepting authorities as detailed at Appendix A of the Director of Finance and Resources' report.

REASON FOR DECISION

To fulfil a statutory requirement and to feed into the budget setting process for 2017/18.

9. Disposal of 29 Cobden Road

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the Housing Manager be authorised to dispose of 29 Cobden Road, Chesterfield.
2. That the Housing Manager be authorised to dispose of the garage site adjacent to 29 Cobden Road, Chesterfield and that there be an overage clause included in the terms of the sale to ensure that the council retains an interest in any future development value of the site.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

1. To manage the council's Housing assets effectively and to support the Housing Capital Development programme.
2. To contribute to the Council's Priorities - 'to improve the quality of life for local people' and 'to provide value for money services'.

Yours sincerely,



Local Government and Regulatory Law Manager and Monitoring Officer