

Report

Report to: **South Lanarkshire Council (Special)**
Date of Meeting: **20 February 2019**
Report by: **Chief Executive**

Subject: **Recommendations Referred by Executive Committee –
Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget
2019/2020**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ allow consideration of the recommendations of the Executive Committee of 13 February 2019 in relation to the Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget 2019/2020

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Council is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the recommendations from the Executive Committee of 13 February 2019 in relation to the following issue be approved:-

Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget 2019/2020

- ◆ that the Revenue Estimate proposals for the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2019/2020 be approved
- ◆ that the rent increase of 3.95% for Council houses, travelling persons' sites, lockups and garage sites be approved
- ◆ that the proposal to progress the next stage of rent harmonisation be approved
- ◆ that, based on the proposed rent increase of 3.95% and taking account of the recommendation from the special Housing and Technical Resources Committee of 6 February 2019, the updated 2019/2020 Housing Capital Programme totalling £61.945 million be approved

3. Recommendations Referred by Executive Committee – Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget 2019/2020

3.1. The Housing and Technical Resources Committee (Special) of 6 February 2019 had made the following recommendations to the Executive Committee:-

Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget 2019/2020

- ◆ that the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) savings proposals be approved subject to:-
 - ◆ the removal of the Community Warden element of saving HRA04 relating to the reduction of 3 FTE Community Warden posts totalling £0.035 million with the resultant funding gap being met from Reserves

- ◆ the removal of saving HRA01 relating to Trading Services' Charges (Redesign of Out of Hours Standby Service) totalling £0.225 million with the resultant funding gap being met by a reduction to the Housing Capital Programme
- ◆ that the Revenue Estimate proposals for the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2019/2020, as detailed in the report, be endorsed
- ◆ that the rent increase of 3.95% for Council houses, travelling persons' sites, lockups and garage sites be endorsed
- ◆ that the increase in the Council's factoring fee from £28.78 to £29.33 per quarter be approved
- ◆ that the next stage of rent harmonisation be progressed as detailed in the report and that tenants paying below the level pay up to an additional maximum of £2.00 per week
- ◆ that, based on the proposed rent increase of 3.95%, the 2019/2020 Housing Capital Programme of £62.170 million, be endorsed

3.2. At its meeting held on 13 February 2019, the Executive Committee:-

- ◆ agreed that the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) savings proposals be approved subject to:-
 - ◆ the removal of the Community Warden element of saving HRA04 relating to the reduction of 3 FTE Community Warden posts totalling £0.035 million with the resultant funding gap being met from Reserves
 - ◆ the removal of saving HRA01 relating to Trading Services' Charges (Redesign of Out of Hours Standby Service) totalling £0.225 million with the resultant funding gap being met by a reduction to the Housing Capital Programme
- ◆ agreed that, over the next 6 months, the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) to continue to negotiate with the unions to devise a new service delivery model and, following the 6 month period, bring a report to a future meeting of the Housing and Technical Resources Committee and Executive Committee to provide an update on progress prior to the proposed implementation of the agreed model in 2020/2021
- ◆ made the following recommendations to the Council:-
 - ◆ that the Revenue Estimate proposals for the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2019/2020 be approved
 - ◆ that the rent increase of 3.95% for Council houses, travelling persons' sites, lockups and garage sites be approved
 - ◆ that the proposal to progress the next stage of rent harmonisation be approved
 - ◆ that, based on the proposed rent increase of 3.95% and taking account of the recommendation from the special Housing and Technical Resources Committee of 6 February 2019, the updated 2019/2020 Housing Capital Programme totalling £61.945 million be approved

4 Employee Implications

4.1 None.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 All financial implications have been highlighted as part of the original reports to the special meeting of the Housing and Technical Resources Committee and meeting of the Executive Committee.

6. Other Implications

- 6.1 Any implications have been highlighted as part of the original reports to the special meeting of the Housing and Technical Resources Committee and meeting of the Executive Committee.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1 No equality impact assessment or consultation is required in terms of the recommendations contained within this report.

Lindsay Freeland
Chief Executive

13 February 2019

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

Previous References

Executive Committee of 13 February 2019

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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