

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing

Housing Income Management Policies

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for three updated policies relating to Income Management.

2. Recommendation

CABINET is asked to RESOLVE to approve the three updated policies.

3. Detail

This report includes three updated policies relating to income management.

The purpose of the Financial Inclusion Policy is to support tenants and applicants to have access to affordable financial products and services that meet their needs, and to reduce their outgoings. This policy and the associated change table is included at **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2**.

The Income Collection Policy sets out the approach to the management and collection of rent for properties and garages. This policy and the associated change table is included at **Appendix 3** and **Appendix 4**.

The Rent Setting Policy outlines how the Council will calculate rent for the housing stock that it owns and manages within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). This policy and the associated change table is included at **Appendix 5** and **Appendix 6**.

There have been no significant changes in the Council's approach to income management since the policies were last update.

An Equalities Impact Assessment is included at **Appendix 7**.

4. Key Decision

This report is a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

5. Updates from Policy Overview Working Group

Policy Overview Working Group provided feedback regarding the Financial Inclusion Service and partnership working, which resulted in some minor changes to the policy. The Equalities Impact Assessment was also updated following Policy Overview Working Group comments.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Interim Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer were as follows:

These policies outline how the Council will continue to be effective in its income collection arrangements for the HRA, which is essential for the sustainable provision of Housing services and ongoing investment in the Council's Housing portfolio.

7. Legal Implications

The comments from the Head of Legal Services were as follows:
The relevant legislation is contained within the policies.

8. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

Not applicable.

10. Climate Change Implications

Any climate change implications are contained within the report.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

As this is a change to policy / a new policy an equality impact assessment is included in the appendix to this report.

13. Background Papers

Nil.