

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Alan Cavill , Director of Place Steve Thompson, Director for Resources
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Gillian Campbell, Cabinet Member for Housing, Public Safety and Enforcement
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	27 February 2015

## PROPOSED RENT REVIEW 2015/ 2016

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Council will be asked to consider the levels of rents and service charges to be charged in connection with Housing Revenue Account dwellings during 2015/ 2016.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the recommendations of the Executive (to be circulated after the Executive meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015).

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To consider the recommendations of the Executive (to be circulated after the Executive meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015).

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Not applicable - the report once approved will become part of the Council's new approved budget

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

To set a different rate for rents.

#### **4.0 Council Priority:**

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are:

- Improve housing standards and the environment we live in by using housing investment to create stable communities.
- Create safer communities and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

#### **5.0 Background Information**

5.1 The Executive at its meeting on 23 February 2015, will be asked to consider a report regarding the draft Housing Revenue Account budget and the level of rents in relation to Council housing dwellings and service charges to be applied during the next financial year. The report circulated to members under separate cover details the 2015/ 2016 Draft Budget and the proposed changes in rent and service charges.

5.2 New charges for Housing Revenue Account Services and related Non-Housing Revenue Account properties are also due to be considered.

5.4 All Members of the Council should have received copies of the papers considered by the Executive at its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015, in connection with the Proposed Rent Review. If any member requires further copies then please contact the Democratic Governance division on 01253 477034. The decision notice from that meeting of the Executive will be circulated to all members once published.

5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

#### **5.6 List of Appendices:**

Appendix 5 (a) – Executive Decision Notice– Proposed Rent Review – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 to be circulated after the Executive on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015.

#### **6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 None.

#### **7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None.

#### **8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 An Equalities Impact Analysis has been completed.

**9.0 Financial considerations:**

9.1 Detailed in the report, which was circulated with the Executive agenda for its meeting on 23 February 2015.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None.

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

11.1 None.

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 The rent report is shared with the Board of Blackpool Coastal Housing Limited, which includes tenant and leasehold representatives and independent members.

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 None.