

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Thursday, 22 July 2010

Decision No: (CAB 09/10 3584)

DECISION-MAKER:	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOODS
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HOUSING
SUBJECT:	DIGITAL TV SERVICE CHARGE - COMMUNAL TELEVISION SYSTEM
AUTHOR:	KEITH MEREDITH

THE DECISION

- (i) Introduce an estimated service charge for tenants at £0.45 per week per property (£21.60 per annum), this includes annual maintenance;
- (ii) To agree an annual review is undertaken of the maintenance service and to revise the charge for the maintenance element accordingly;
- (iii) To agree the above charge is introduced as soon as the properties have the system installed;
- (iv) To delegate authority to the Head of Decent Homes to revise the charge in future years in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 1 Following a successful tender process the Council is employing a contractor (Firstline Digital) to install the new digital television system with on-going maintenance of the system required for up to 5 years.
- 2 Prudential borrowing is to be used to fund this project and this will be repaid over a 10 year period.
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- 4 The service charges will be in place for the duration of the loan period for tenants with only a maintenance charge continuing after this period.
- 5 Introducing the charges as soon as the property has the system installed will benefit the Council receiving income immediately for the work completed, to balance the cost of borrowing money for this project.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

None detailed in report.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

Decision deferred from 15th to 22nd July 2010 to enable consultation with new Cabinet Member.

Additional paragraph 20 added:

"For those houses that are identified to be on and using the current communal system, it is the intention to offer the residents a choice as to whether they wish the Council to install a roof top aerial or whether they would rather make their own arrangements. This may apply to some maisonette properties but is subject to a site inspection that is being undertaken."

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date:

Decision Maker:

Executive Director for Neighbourhoods

Proper Officer:

Sharon Pearson

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on 30th July 2010

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*