

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 20 August 2018

Decision No: (OD 18/19 21047)

DECISION-MAKER:	OFFICER DECISION MAKING
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HOMES AND CULTURE PORTFOLIO
SUBJECT:	LANDLORD-CONTROLLED HEATING CHARGES
AUTHOR:	Paul Cunliffe

THE DECISION

- (i) To agree that charges to tenants for landlord controlled heating will not change as a result of this annual review;
- (ii) To agree that, for the residents of International Way, Erskine Court, Sturminster House and Shirley Towers, the unit charge will also remain unchanged.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The financial outturn for 2017/18 shows that the surplus on the heating account has increased from £803,000 to £1,236,000 during the financial year. The surplus at 31st March 2018 is £605,000 higher than forecast in August 2016 due to lower usage than predicted. However, it is possible that there are a number of estimated bills included in this usage that do not accurately reflect the cold weather between January and March.

The surplus has enabled the re-payment of the loan of £391,000 made by the HRA to the heating account in 2013/14

The surplus generated by International Way continues to reduce, and the new heat energy systems at Erskine Court, Sturminster House and Shirley Towers are being monitored closely to ensure full recovery of costs.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Alternative options are to increase charges in line with energy inflation, or to reduce charges by using the existing surplus. The former option will further increase the surplus on the account, which is contrary to policy, whereas the latter option, while reducing the surplus, will lead to increases being required in later years that would be greater than fuel inflation.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

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: 20th August, 2018

Decision Maker:
Director of Adults, Housing and
Communities

Proper Officer:
Claire Heather

SCRUTINY

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

Call-In Period

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)*