

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY, 6
JANUARY 2021



Title of Report	HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET PROPOSALS	
Presented by	Councillor Nicholas Rushton Corporate Portfolio Holder	
Background Papers	Cabinet 8 December 2020 – Draft Minutes	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	Financial issues are considered within the appended Cabinet report	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	None.	
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	None.	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Reason Agenda Item Submitted to Scrutiny Committee	For Corporate Scrutiny Committee to provide comments on the Draft Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Proposals for 2021/22.	
Recommendations	THAT CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE PROVIDE ANY COMMENTS IT MAY HAVE FOR CONSIDERATION BY CABINET WHEN IT MEETS ON 2 FEBRUARY 2021 TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET REPORT AND RECOMMENDS ITS PROPOSALS TO FULL COUNCIL ON 23 FEBRUARY 2021.	

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Proposals for 2021/22 were presented to the Cabinet for approval for consultation at its meeting on the 8 December 2020. The consultation commenced on the 21 December and includes resident involvement group and draft budget reports being made publicly available for comment on the council's website.
- 1.2 The Corporate Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider the proposals and provide any comments to Cabinet to take into account when it agrees its final recommendations on 2 February 2021. Separate reports appear on this agenda covering the General Fund and Special Expenses Budget proposals and the Council's Capital Programmes.
- 1.3 Further details are included within the attached Cabinet Report (Appendix 1).

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	Local people live in high quality, affordable homes
Policy Considerations:	The budget changes include a proposal to change our approach to rent arrears enforcement, which Cabinet considered in its November 2020 meeting.
Safeguarding:	None identified
Equalities/Diversity:	All of our tenants will be invited to participate in the consultation this year through an article in the InTouch magazine.
Customer Impact:	All of our tenants will be impacted by the changes in rents, whilst a large number will also be impacted by the changes in service charges.
Economic and Social Impact:	None identified
Environment and Climate Change:	This budget provides funding for the HRA Capital Programme, which includes initiatives to respond to the climate change emergency.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Leadership Team • Housing, Property & Customer Services Portfolio Holder • Corporate Scrutiny Committee.
Risks:	The Council sets a HRA budget, which is regularly monitored throughout the year to ensure services are delivered within budget. Risks are managed through the corporate risk management process.
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