APPENDIX 2H

HRA COSTS

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Previous recommendation to Cabinet

Re-assessment of the charges made to the HRA for General Fund Services

Consultation responses from Members of the Public

• None on this issue

Consultation responses from Working Groups, Unions etc

• None on this issue

Consultation responses from the Executive Consultation Meeting

- MN expressed concern at the increased allocation of finds from the HRA budget to the General Fund.
- RB explained that this was to reflect the growth in activity in this area and the consequent increase in workload for support services. It was good accounting practice to review the charging arrangements to reflect changing circumstances.
- MN raised the issue of the introduction of Mobile Working Project stating that the £70,000 expenditure was unjustifiable in the current climate. MN explained that the department is currently working at 95% of KPI's and that this new system would not improve performance. He stated that his members wanted the project to be stopped.
- SB stated the Mobile Working is being funded by the HRA Budget. The budget proposals relate to the General Fund.
- SB also explained that there needs to be a reassessment of cross charging between the HRA and General Fund is needed. Housing has increased its resource requiring a higher level of support from support functions such as HR and Finance.
- MN stated that he accepted the need for this adjustment, but again asked how the spending on the Mobile Working could be justified when there are no demonstrable benefits to introducing it.

Consultation responses from the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party

• None on this issue

Consultation responses from the Policy Development Group

• None on this issue

Officer Comments

This adjustment has been included in the Housing Revenue Account business plan 30 year projections.

Recommendation

In considering all the consultation responses there is no change to the recommendation.