

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET – TUESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2025



Title of Report	HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET AND RENTS 2025/26	
Presented by	Councillor Andrew Woodman Housing, Property and Customer Services Portfolio Holder PH Briefed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Background Papers	Council 22 February 2024: Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Rent Setting 2024/25	Public Report: Yes
	Corporate Scrutiny 7 January 2025: Minutes Cabinet 9 January 2025: Draft 2025/26 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Rent Setting	Key Decision: Yes
Financial Implications	The attached Council report sets out the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget including both capital and revenue for the period 2025/26 to 2029/30. It also sets out the proposed increase in rents along with other planned changes to the fees and charges levied by the Council for some services delivered within the scope of the HRA.	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	No direct legal implications arising.	
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	No direct Staffing and Corporate implications arising.	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	For Cabinet to review the Housing Revenue Account budget and Rents for 2025/26 and recommend to Council for approval and to also approve the 2025/26 Fees and Charges.	

Reason for Decision	Required as part of the budget setting process for 2025/26.
Recommendations	<p>THAT CABINET:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENDORSES THE ATTACHED COUNCIL REPORT (APPENDIX A) AND RECOMMENDS IT TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL AT ITS MEETING ON 20 FEBRUARY 2025. • APPROVES THE FEES AND CHARGES AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX 3 • DELEGATES AUTHORITY TO THE SECTION 151 OFFICER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CORPORATE PORTFOLIO HOLDER TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL REPORT PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION AT COUNCIL ON 20 FEBRUARY 2025.

1.0 BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

- 1.1 The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Rents for 2025/26 are due to be approved by Council on the 20 February 2025.
- 1.2 Cabinet is requested to review the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Rent Setting 2025/26 Council Report (Appendix A) and recommend it to Council for approval.
- 1.3 Cabinet is requested to approve the Fees and Charges for 2025/26 as set out in Appendix 3 of the Council report.
- 1.4 Delegation is also sought to enable the Section 151 Officer, in conjunction with the Corporate Portfolio Holder, to make amendments to the Council report prior to consideration at Council on 20 February 2025.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	The budget provides funding for the Council to deliver against the priorities for the HRA.
Policy Considerations:	None
Safeguarding:	None
Equalities/Diversity:	There have been equality impact assessments conducted by services on relevant proposals during this period.
Customer Impact:	Customers are likely to be impacted by the changes to rents and fees and charges.
Economic and Social Impact:	The HRA capital programme allocates £22.5m over five years to improve homes, and £16m on new homes to give homes to more people.
Environment and Climate Change:	The budget includes a capital programme of Zero Carbon works for dwellings worth £15m.

<p>Consultation/Community Engagement:</p>	<p>Corporate Scrutiny Committee 7 January 2025 Public consultation - 13 January to 26 January 2025 Parish and town councils, trade unions and the Federation of Small Businesses - 13 January to 26 January 2025.</p> <p>The results of the above consultations will be detailed in the final report.</p>
<p>Risks:</p>	<p>The budgets will be monitored throughout the year to ensure the Council remains within its funding envelope and planned budget savings are delivered. Key risks to the budget are discussed in further detail in section 5 of the report.</p>
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