

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Julie Kennealy – Shared Executive Director, Commercialisation (S151)

To: Governance & Audit – 3 December 2015

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Subject: Housing Revenue Account Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20

Purpose: This report provides information on the forecast financial position of the Housing Revenue Account which will be included in the Budget report to be submitted to Council in February 2016. For information and to approve recommendations

Recommendations:

1. That the report and Appendix 1 be noted;
2. That the forecast position at Quarter 2 on the 2015-16 revenue budget be noted:
3. To recommend acceptance or otherwise of available options in respect of Rent policy and Asset management; and
4. To recommend that the HRA Medium Term Financial Plan, which is an integral part of the Overall Financial plan of the council, should be included in the Annual Budget report to Council in February 2016.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The appendices to this report outline the draft 2016-17 to 2019 – 20 revenue and capital estimates for the Housing Revenue Account. This Medium Term Financial Plan when adopted will then further inform revisions to the 30 year business plan.
- 1.2 These estimates incorporate adjustments to National Rent Policy as announced in the summer, based on headline data only as final detail is not yet available. This is expected late December 2015.
- 1.3 Asset management information is currently under review and a change in the management system is in progress. Provisional adjustments to the Useful life of individual components of dwellings (e.g. Kitchen) and financial implications are included in the appendix for discussion.

2.0 OPTIONS

- 2.1 To note the report and to approve the recommendations detailed in appendix 1 with amendments;
- 2.2 To note the report and not approve the recommendations detailed in appendix 1.
- 2.3 Do Nothing

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 To comply with the budget and policy framework

4.0 EXPECTED BENEFITS

4.1 To provide an early view of the financial position of the Housing Revenue Account with due regard to the options available in respect of National Rent Policy

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 The report is of a financial nature and financial details are included within the appendix.

5.2 Risk Management

5.2.1 Risks are highlighted within the appendix.

5.3 Staffing

5.3.1 It is the opinion of the Report Author that there are no implications at this time

6.0 WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED

6.1 Budget implications affect all wards.

7.0 ACRONYMS

7.1 None

Background papers:- None

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Director / Officer who will be attending the Meeting:

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Key Decision: No

Exempt Decision: No

This report refers to both Mandatory Services and Discretionary Services

Appendices attached to this report:

Appendix 1 – Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20 of the Housing Revenue Account (to be tabled at the meeting)