

2 SHELTERED HOUSING WARDENS SERVICE CHARGE (AN92-2003)

The Sheltered Housing Wardens Service Charge is raised against all Council tenants receiving the service. The charge covers the cost of the service which is provided by the Social Work Department.

It is intended to increase the current charge by 42p per week (3%) to meet estimated costs in 2003/04. The charge is eligible for Housing Benefit and existing protections to prevent financial hardship remain in place.

With the introduction of Supporting People in April 2003 the charge will be separated from the rents and will become a Supporting People charge. The charge therefore will be applied over 52 weeks in the year and there will be no non-chargeable weeks. Payments will be adjusted accordingly.