

REPORT TO: HOUSING COMMITTEE – 22 JANUARY 2001

REPORT ON: REVIEW OF CHARGES

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

REPORT NO.: 42-2001

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1. This report seeks authority to review charges for Furnished Accommodation, Multi-Storey Launderettes, Stair Cleaning Charges, Heating Charges at Brinton Place Sheltered Housing Development and Status Enquiry Fees, all being effective from 2nd April 2001.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Committee agree the charges proposed in this report.

3. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1. The proposed increase in charges will generate the income required to offset the increased costs associated with the facilities and services detailed in paragraph 6.

4. **LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. None.

5. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. None.

6. **REVIEW OF CHARGES**

6.1. **Furnished Accommodation**

(a) **Special Needs (Homeless) Temporary Accommodation**

To meet the expenditure approved in the Revenue Estimates for 2001/2002 the following charges are proposed:

	<u>Lily Walker Centre</u>	<u>Supported Complex</u>	<u>Network Flats</u>
Single Room	£ 99.15	£ 99.39	£ 77.75
Joined Single	£198.30	£198.78	£155.50
1-apartment	£105.30	£ 99.39	£ 77.75
2-apartment	£197.27	£187.00	£143.69
3-apartment	£255.18	£253.65	£209.61
4-apartment	£327.92	£294.56	£275.41
5-apartment	£373.77	N/A	£348.84

(b) Mainstream Furnished Lets

It is proposed that the weekly charge for furniture be increased as detailed to cover the increased costs in providing the service. This gives the following charges:

<u>Fully Furnished</u>	
1-apartment	£31.94 (up 78p)
2-apartment	£36.01 (up 88p)
3-apartment	£43.59 (up £1.06)
4-apartment	£51.39 (up £1.25)

Charges for part-furnished houses are pro rata to fully furnished according to the cost of the furniture provided.

6.2. Heating Charges – Brington Place Sheltered Housing

It is proposed that the electricity charge for cooking, lighting, heating and hot water provided to the homes of tenants and warden is increased by 15p per week.

6.3. Stair Cleaning Charges

It is proposed that Stair Cleaning charges be set as follows:

Dallfield/Tulloch	£1.55 (up 10p)	Reid Square/Russell Place	£1.80 (up 10p)
Turnberry Avenue	£1.50 (up 10p)	11/13 Foggyley	£1.95 (up 10p)
Aimer Square/Doyle Place	£1.50 (up 10p)	Whorterbank	£1.50 (up 10p)

6.4. Multi-Storey Launderettes

It is proposed that the charges for Multi-Storey Launderettes be increased to the following:

Auto-Wash	from £1.40 to £1.45 (up 5p)
Tumbler Drier	from 60p to 65p (up 5p)
Cabinet Drier	from 60p to 65p (up 5p)

6.5. Status Enquiry Fees

The fee charged to Banks, Building Societies, etc. for status enquiries will be increased to £27.50.

7. CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1. The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and the Director of Support Services have been consulted on the content of this report.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1. None.

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