

REPORT TO: HOUSING COMMITTEE – 20 JANUARY 2003
REPORT ON: REVIEW OF CHARGES
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING
REPORT NO.: 55-2003

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 Brington Place Sheltered Housing Development and Status Enquiry Fees, all being effective from 7th April 2003.

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. A number of key themes are affected including access to shelter and security.

5. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. Access to Council services is available.

6. **REVIEW OF CHARGES**

6.1. **Furnished Accommodation**

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:

Fully Furnished

1-apartment	£33.56 (up 82p)
2-apartment	£37.83 (up 92p)
3-apartment	£45.80 (up £1.12)

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 all Stair Cleaning charges are increased by 10p per week.

6.4. **Multi-Storey Launderettes**

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

Auto-Wash	£1.55 (up 5p)
Tumble Drier	75p (up 5p)
Cabinet Drier	75p (up 5p)

6.5. **Status Enquiry Fees**

The fee charged to Banks, Building Societies, etc. for status enquiries will be increased to £30.00.

7. **CONSULTATIONS**

7.1. All Chief Officers have been consulted on the content of this report.

8. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1. None.

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