

REPORT TO: HOUSING COMMITTEE – 16 FEBRUARY 2004

REPORT ON: REVIEW OF SPECIAL NEEDS (HOMELESS) TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION CHARGES

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

REPORT NO.: 87-2004

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1. This report seeks authority to review charges for Special Needs (Homeless) Temporary Accommodation Charges effective from 5th April 2004.

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. All charges are eligible for Housing Benefit.

4. **LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1. Access to homeless services is consistent with a number of Agenda 21 themes, including access to water, shelter and fuel, protection of health and access to knowledge and information to enable everyone to play a full part in society.

5. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1. Provision of homeless services fulfils the Council’s commitment to assist those in need by ensuring that accommodation is available to vulnerable people.

6. **REVIEW OF CHARGES**

6.1. **Special Needs (Homeless) Temporary Accommodation**

To meet current and estimated future costs of the service the following charges are proposed:

	<u>Lily Walker Centre</u>	<u>Supported Complex</u>	<u>Network Flats</u>
Single Room	£115.14	-	-
Joined Single	£230.28	-	-
1-apartment	£122.28	£125.04	£90.15
2-apartment	£229.09	-	£180.78
3-apartment	£296.35	£319.12	£263.72
4-apartment	£380.82	£370.59	£346.49
5-apartment	£434.06	-	£438.88

Where no charge is shown no facility of the type is available at this time. If required such facilities will be provided and charged pro rata.

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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