

**REPORT TO:** HOUSING COMMITTEE – 19 JANUARY 2004  
**REPORT ON:** REVIEW OF CHARGES  
**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR OF HOUSING  
**REPORT NO.:** 7-2004

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1. This report seeks authority to review charges for Furnished Accommodation, Multi-Storey Laundrettes, Stair Cleaning Charges, Heating Charges at Brington Place Sheltered Housing Development and Status Enquiry Fees, all being 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.

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:

	<u>Fully Furnished</u>
1-apartment	£34.40 (up 84p)
2-apartment	£38.78 (up 95p)
3-apartment	£46.95 (up £1.15)

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 at Dallfield/Tulloch Courts and Reid Square/Russell Place 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	£1.60 (up 5p)
Tumble Drier	80p (up 5p)
Cabinet Drier	80p (up 5p)

6.5. **Status Enquiry Fees**

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

7. **CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1. All Chief Officers have been consulted on the content of this report.
- 7.2. Tenants have been consulted under the terms of Section 25(4) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 and have raised no objections to the proposals.

8. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1. None.

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