

HRA Rents and Service Charges 2016/17

The annual increases in rents and service charges reflects the need to increase income in order to meet the increase in utility and service costs, and to provide sufficient financial resources to reinvest in the programmes of improvement for social housing to ensure that the needs of local residents are met; the increases follow government guidance and are based upon the previous September's inflation rate. These increases are built into the HRA 30 Year Business plan and are intended to ensure that the Housing service, annual housing repairs and maintenance programme, and the long term capital investment programmes, provide decent homes to meet local needs over the life of the Business Plan.

- Council house dwelling rents for 2016/17 to **decrease by 1%** over the 2015/16 rent with effect from Monday 4th April 2016. This is in line with current government guidelines and legislation.
- Garage rents, heating, utility and ancillary charges to **increase by 0.8%** with effect from Monday 4th April 2016. This is based upon the September RPI figure.
- Service charges to **increase by 0.8%** with effect from Monday 4th April 2016. This is based upon the September RPI figure.
- 'Other committee' property rents to increase by an average of 0.8% from Monday 4th April 2016 in line with the September RPI figure.