

REPORT TO CABINET

REPORT OF: Director of Finance and Strategic Resources

REPORT NO: FIN255

DATE: 6 February 2006

TITLE:	HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - RENT AND OTHER CHARGE SETTING 2006/07
FORWARD PLAN ITEM:	YES
DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:	16 September 2005
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	KEY DECISION

COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	COUNCILLOR F CARTWRIGHT: Portfolio Organisational Development & Housing COUNCILLOR T BRYANT: Portfolio Assets & Resources
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	Corporate Governance

Background

1. The purpose of this report is to make recommendations on dwellings and other rents within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2006/07. The District Tenants Impact has been consulted on the rent increase for 2006/07.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that:

- (a) Dwelling Rents are increased in accordance with the Government guidance on rent-restructuring proposals. The average rent will rise by 5% for 2006/07.
- (b) Garage Rents to increase by 3.2% in line with the Government's price index used within the subsidy determination.
- (c) All other charges within the HRA to rise by 3.2% in line with the price-index used within the subsidy determination.
- (d) The service charges in relation to warden and care-services to be set dependent upon the level of supporting people grant to be received in 2006/07. These to be set on consideration of the relevant service plan.