

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting8th January 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

2009/10 Annual Rent Increase(Council Housing Stock)

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report relating to the annual rent increase.

It was noted that the Government had established a framework for the level of rent each Local authority charged its tenants.

It was explained that plans for rent level convergence had changed and the Government had identified 20024/25, however, this could be brought forward in the future.

Members noted that the Government had recommended an average rent increase in Stockton of 6.5%, this equated to an average of £4.02 per week.

Cabinet was recommended to agree the 6.5% average rent increase. A lower rent increase would result in a charge on the Housing Revenue Account in future years. Members noted that the Housing Revenue Account was likely to be used to fund a range of service improvements and pressures such as Choice Based Lettings, initiatives to tackle anti social behaviour, domestic energy assessments etc.

Members were provided with details illustrating the effect the proposed increase would have on the rents of different property types.

RESOLVED that an average rent increase, for Council homes, of 6.5% be approved for 2009/2010.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To set rent levels for 2009/2010 for the Council housing stock.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Nelson declared a personal/ non prejudicial interest in this matter as he served on the Tristar Homes Ltd Management Board.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Friday 16th January 2009

Proper Officer
12 January 2009