

Report of	Meeting	Date
Assistant Chief Executive (Business Transformation) (Introduced by the Executive Member for Resources)	With Executive Member for Resources, Councillor Alan Cullens	29/02/08

## COTSWOLD HOUSE – REVIEW OF CHARGES FOR 2008/09

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To propose increase in rent and service charges at Cotswold House for 2008/09.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the following charges for Cotswold House be approved:

- Rents £52.20
- Heating £9.06
- Service Charge £41.57

Such charges to apply from the first week of 2008/09

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- Chorley Community Housing, in preparing its budget, has assumed an increase of 4.4% in charges at Cotswold House. The Council is asked to approve this.

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

#### (If the recommendations are accepted)

- This increase matches that determined by the DCLG in its Housing Subsidy Settlement, and it is consistent with the budgetary assumptions of CCH.

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- None.

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region		Develop local solutions to climate change.	
Improving equality of opportunity and life chances		Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	
Involving people in their communities		Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization	✓

## BACKGROUND

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7. Cotswold House provides short term accommodation for homeless persons. Whilst ownership has been retained by the Council, Chorley Community Housing is responsible for management. The Association has prepared a budget, and assumed an increase of 4.4% in all rents and charges. This increase is based on an inflation rate of 3.9% plus 0.5%, and matches the increase assumed for general dwelling rents by the DCLG. This proposal is submitted to the Council for approval. All rents and charges are collected on a 52 week basis.
8. All the charges, except those for heating, are eligible for housing benefit, and in most cases the occupier will be in receipt of benefit.

## RECOMMENDATION

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  - It is proposed that rents at Cotswold House should increase from £50 to £52.20.
  - It is proposed that heating charges at Cotswold House should increase from £8.68 per wk to £9.06.

It is proposed that the service charge of £39.82 should increase to £41.57

## IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

10. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Corporate Directors' comments are included:

Finance	✓	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		No significant implications in this area	

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There are no background papers to this report.

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