

**LANDLORD SERVICES COMMITTEE (CABINET WORKING GROUP)  
10 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**17. NATIONAL BUDGET - IMPACT FOR TENANTS AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA)**

Consideration was given to the draft report of the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration that advised on the impact of the National budget for tenants.

In discussion comments and questions were raised in relation to the following:

- “High value” properties – definition and application.
- Government policy – responding to changes; impact on HRA; changes related to Self-Financing; procedures to protect tenants’ interests.
- Consultation process (with tenants) – allaying concerns; explanation of changes / effects.
- Future opportunities - Exploration of “Co-operatives” (experiences of others); minimising impact on tenants / service delivery.
- Impact of the measures on the Business Plan and HRA.

The Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration provided clarification on the issues raised and responded to questions, referring to detail as set down in his report.

There was general support that consultation with tenants should begin as soon as practicable to keep them abreast of the issues and impact of the changes referred to.

**RESOLVED:** That, as a consequence of the discussion on this item it was agreed the comments to Cabinet be:

“that the recommendations be supported and additionally the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee be asked to note the concerns of the measures and the impact on the Business Plan and HRA.”