

## **COMMUNITY AND HOUSING COMMITTEE ON 19 MARCH 2009**

### **Item 8 – Rent Setting 2009/10**

As stated in the report to item 8 (page 8/4), I am now sending you a copy of a motion to rescind the Council's decision on 19 February 2009 to increase housing rents by an average of 6.07%.

The motion was received too late to be included on the agenda and after the deadline for the submission of motions (10 clear days). Accordingly, the Committee is asked to suspend procedure rule 9.1 to enable the motion to be considered at the meeting. A motion to suspend rule 9.1 may be proposed and voted without notice if at least half of the members of the committee are present. The membership of the committee is 15 so at least eight members must be present to enable this to happen.

The setting of Council rents is a matter reserved to the Council, but under the delegation scheme, policy committees have the power to deal with matters needing a decision of the Council where such a decision cannot wait. The decision will be made by the Finance and Administration Committee on 26 March, provided the Community and Housing Committee agrees to make the proposed recommendation.

The Council will be asked to ratify that decision on 21 April, thus avoiding the need for an Extraordinary Council meeting.

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