

DIRECTORATE OF FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES - H JENKINS

26th September 2014

SECTION B – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

WARDS AFFECTED: All

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT – OTHER HOUSING SERVICES

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. This report outlines the services included within the Statement of Account for Other Housing Services.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Council's draft Statement of Accounts was considered by Audit Committee on 26th June 2014. Included within this document is the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure statement which includes a line in relation to "Other Housing Services". Further information was requested on the items included within this element of the report.

3. Other Housing Services

- 3.1. The services contained in other Housing Services are included within CIPFA's service reporting code of practice.
- 3.2. The services included relate to the Council's requirement to provide housing services other than the direct provision of houses. The main areas are:

Housing Strategy ➤ Review of housing needs such as housing condition surveys
➤ Preparation of strategic housing plans such as energy conservation

Housing advice ➤ Advising people housed privately.

- Private Sector Housing Renewal ➤ Local government's involvement is increasingly linked to wider cross-cutting initiatives such as community health, community safety and social inclusion. This heading covers renewal areas.
- Licensing of Private Sector Landlords ➤ Including costs associated with the licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation.
- Homelessness ➤ Including hostels for the homeless, bed and breakfast accommodation, other temporary accommodation as well as expenditure to avoid the risk of homelessness.
- Housing Benefit Payments and Administration ➤ Including payments to subsidise rents, eligible service charges and the costs of assessing and paying housing benefits.
- Supporting People ➤ This provides housing related support to help vulnerable people to live as independently as possible.

3.3. The cost of these services changed from last year as follows:

	Net Expenditure
	£000
2013/14	4,538
2012/13	3,544
Difference	<hr/> 994 <hr/>

3.4. The change relates primarily to capital charges for disabled facilities grants and pension fund accounting adjustments.

Background Papers

Closing working papers 2013/14

CIPFA service reporting code of practice 2013/14

Wards Affected

All

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