



Leicester
City Council

MINUTES EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2002 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Walker - Chair
Councillor Nasim - Labour Spokesperson

Councillor Kamal
Councillor Subedar

Councillor Nurse
Councillor Taylor

Also in Attendance

Christine Cronogue - Leicester Federation of Tenants' Associations

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57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests which they might have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

No such declarations were made at this time.

74. DRAFT REVENUE STRATEGY FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT

The Corporate Director of Housing and the Chief Finance Officer submitted a joint report seeking Members' views on the draft revenue strategies for the Housing Department.

The report explained that Members were being asked :-

- a) whether they endorsed the draft strategy as the best way forward in the context of the approved strategic framework ;
- b) whether they had any alternative proposals they wished the Cabinet to consider.

Members were advised that Government guidance for a proposed rent rise was £2.94%, although the Council had discretion to opt for a lower or higher increase.

RESOLVED :

- 1) that the information be noted ; and
- 2) that Cabinet be informed that the Scrutiny Committee would support a rent increase of not more than 3.3% but their preferred option was for 2.68%, with balances being used to meet any shortfall between 2.68 % and 3.3%.