

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: HOUSING COMMITTEE - 25TH JANUARY 1999

SUBJECT: HEATING, LIGHTING AND WATER CHARGES 2000/2001 - COUNCIL TENANTS

FROM: FINANCE AND HOUSING

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider the annual revision of Service Charges for Heating, Lighting, Water and Miscellaneous Charges for 2000/2001 (paragraphs 3 to 6)

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Charges for electricity, gas, water and miscellaneous charges are levied as a weekly service charge. Those for electricity and gas are based on an average consumption over the past three years, updated for current costs. The charges for water were introduced at Very Sheltered Schemes for the first time in 1998/99, and the charges recommended in this report are based on information gathered since that time. In future years these will be calculated in the same way as for electricity and gas.

3 RADCLIFFE GARDENS, BRUNSWICK STREET, LEAMINGTON SPA

3.1 The 53 dwellings in this complex are supplied with domestic hot water all year round and with central heating normally during the period October to May/June each year, depending on weather conditions, from a gas boiler unit.

3.2 Having regard to the previous 12 months' consumption and the current energy charges, it is recommended that as from 3rd April 2000 the service charges be reduced as follows:

	Current Charge 1999/2000 £	Proposed Charge 2000/2001 £
Bed-sitters and 1 - bedroom flats	£ 2.50	£ 2.45
2 - bedroom flats	£ 4.15	£ 4.10

4 FETHERSTON COURT, TACHBROOK ROAD, LEAMINGTON SPA

4.1 Situated at Fetherston Court is a complex of 9 flats. These properties are heated from a central gas boiler, and all gas and electricity supplies, including the wardens flat, are paid for by the Council. Having regard to the previous 12 months' consumption and the current energy charges, it is recommended that as from 3rd April 2000 the service charges be reduced from £6.70 to £6.05 per week.

5 VERY SHELTERED HOUSING SCHEMES

5.1 Having regard to the previous 12 months' consumption and the current energy charges, it is recommended that as from 3rd April 2000 heating and lighting service charges in respect of the Very Sheltered Housing Schemes should be as follows :-

Heating and Lighting Charges	Current Charge 1999/2000 £	Proposed Charge 2000/2001 £
<u>(a) Acorn Court, Pound Lane, Lillington</u>		
Nos. 1 - 12, 14 - 41	£ 3.70	£ 3.55
Nos. 43, 44, 46 and 47 (Misc. Services only)	£ 0.60	£ 0.60
<u>(b) Tannery Court, Bertie Road, Kenilworth</u>		
Nos. 1, 2, 4 - 6, 7a, 8 - 12, 22a, 14 - 40	£ 4.20	£ 3.70
No. 3	£ 6.00	£ 5.25
<u>(c) Yeomanry Close, Priory Road, Warwick</u>		
Nos. 1 - 12, 14 - 32	£ 4.00	£ 3.70
<u>(d) James Court, Weston Close, Warwick</u>		
Nos. 1 - 12, 14 - 26	£ 4.40	£ 3.85
<u>(e) Chandos Court, Leamington Spa</u>		
Nos. 1 - 12, 11a, 25a, 14 - 46	£ 4.25	£ 4.00

6 WATER CHARGES - VERY SHELTERED SCHEMES

- 6.1 It is recommended that, having regard to the previous 12 month's consumption and the current water charges, as from 3rd April 2000 water service charges in respect of Very Sheltered Schemes be as follows :-

Water Charges	Current Charge 1999/2000 £	Proposed Charge 2000/2001 £
<u>(a) Acorn Court, Pound Lane, Lillington</u>		
Nos. 1 - 12, 14 - 41, 42 - 47	£ 2.20	£ 1.75
<u>(b) Tannery Court, Bertie Road, Kenilworth</u>		
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 - 6, 7a, 8 - 12, 22a, 14 - 40	£ 2.10	£ 2.20
<u>(c) Yeomanry Close, Priory Road, Warwick</u>		
Nos. 1 - 12, 14 - 32, 33 and 34	£ 1.60	£ 2.00
<u>(d) James Court, Weston Close, Warwick</u>		
Nos. 1 - 12, 14 - 28	£ 2.50	£ 2.60
<u>(e) Chandos Court, Leamington Spa</u>		
Nos. 1 - 12, 11a, 25a, 14 - 46, 47	£ 2.30	£ 1.80

7 KEY ISSUE STRATEGIES

- 7.1 There are no direct or relevant Key Issues.

8 RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 Members are asked to approve the revised rates for heating, lighting, water and miscellaneous charges for the year commencing 3rd April 2000.

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Background Papers

Heating and Water Service Charges Working Papers

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Areas in District Affected: Kenilworth, Leamington Spa, Lillington, Warwick