

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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**City Council**

<b>Reference Number:</b>	2555
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<b>Subject:</b>	Additional payment of Management Fee to Nottingham City Homes
<b>Total Value:</b>	£485,000 (Type: Revenue)
<b>Decision Being Taken:</b>	To provide funding of £0.485m to Nottingham City Homes (NCH) in addition to the Management Fee in order to meet costs incurred by NCH in the delivery of intensive housing management services to the Council's independent living schemes. The funding will be paid from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) on an annual basis and be financed through changes to service charges.
<b>Reasons for the Decision(s)</b>	<p>Changes to the Council's funding streams led to a situation in 2015-16 in which Nottingham City Homes was funding services to the Council's independent living (IL) schemes from within the management fee but which have historically sat outside the fee. This additional payment is to rectify this situation and will ensure that going forwards NCH is properly paid for services provided to the IL schemes it manages on the Council's behalf. The services provide support to residents to increase or maintain their independence.</p> <p>In 2015/16 a new service charge for sheltered schemes (Intensive Housing Management) was introduced which includes the costs of support and assistance provided to tenants within sheltered schemes that relate to housing and not personal care. This service charge is eligible for Housing Benefit which generates additional income for the HRA which can be used to fund the additional Management Fee to NCH and is cost neutral to the HRA.</p>
<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	To cease delivering sheltered housing schemes within the HRA - this was rejected as this would have resulted in vulnerable tenants lacking the support they need to live independently.
<b>Background Papers:</b>	

**Published Works:**

**Affected Wards:**

Citywide

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:**

**Consultations:**

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

**Crime and Disorder Implications:**

The decision will have no implications for crime and disorder.

**Equality:**

EIA not required. Reasons: There is no change to the delivery of services, only in funding so an EIA is not required.

**Decision Type:**

Portfolio Holder

**Subject to Call In:**

Yes

**Call In Expiry date:**

12/08/2016

**Advice Sought:**

Legal, Finance

**Legal Advice:**

This decision does not raise any significant legal issues. It is a change in the manner of funding an existing arrangement for the provision of sheltered accommodation. It is understood that the report author has sought advice from the City's benefits team who have confirmed the lawfulness of the proposals. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 04/05/2016.

**Finance Advice:**

The decision seeks to make an annual payment of £0.485m to NCH to enable the continuation of sheltered accommodation services resulting from changes to funding arrangements. The cost will be funded by additional income received by the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) following the introduction of a service charge for Intensive Housing Management which is fully eligible for Housing Benefit. The impact on the HRA is cost neutral.  
Advice provided by Julie Dorrington (Finance Analyst (Housing)) on 13/06/2016.

**Signatures**

Jane Urquhart (Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing)  
SIGNED and Dated: 04/08/2016  
David Bishop (Deputy CE, CD for Development and Growth)  
SIGNED and Dated: 04/08/2016