

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	8 December 2011
Title:	Residential Properties – Review of Rents in April 2012
Decision Reference:	2621
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services
[Summary of an Exempt Decision]	

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1. The decision:

- a) That approval be given to rents charged in respect of Hampshire County Council dwellings let to staff and other tenants is increased by 5% from the current level with effect from 01 April 2012 for the next twelve months.
- b) That the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Strategic Manager – Assets and Development) be authorised to settle the detailed terms and conditions.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council, whilst not classed as a social landlord, has over the years mirrored the rental market within this sector with similar rent rises.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. That a nil increase was applied but this was rejected when bench marking against social housing providers
- 3.2. That a different percentage be applied but when linked to current retail price index rates a level at 5% is not out of keeping

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: None.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not Applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

8 December 2011

Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Councillor T. K. Thornber, CBE