

Report to: Executive Board – 17<sup>TH</sup> June 2002  
 Council 24<sup>th</sup> June or 29<sup>th</sup> July 2002

## RENT RESTRUCTURING

<p><b>Report of:</b> <i>Financial Management</i></p> <p><b>Report Author:</b> <i>Sarah Fogden</i>  <i>Housing accountant</i>  <i>Tel no. 01865 252708</i>  <i>Email: sfogden@oxford.gov.uk</i></p> <p><b>Lead Member Responsible:</b> <i>Housing Portfolio Member</i></p> <p><b>Overview and Committee Responsibility:</b> <i>Housing Scrutiny Committee</i></p> <p><b>Key Decision:</b> <i>Yes</i></p> <p><b>SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p>	<p><b>WARDS AFFECTED</b>          ALL</p>
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**This report is to seek approval to implement Rent Restructuring from September 30<sup>th</sup> 2002.**

1. Rent Restructuring was first reported to Committees in September 2001. Briefly rent restructuring is the Governments policy on rents in which rents are set on a common formula for both Local Authority and RSL rents.
2. The HRA budget report to Exec Board on February 26<sup>th</sup> and to Council on March 4<sup>th</sup> asked that Council make a decision on the implementation of rent restructuring. Due to an oversight Council did not debate rent restructuring and agreed only the proposed HRA budget which included an across the board rent increase of 3.5%.
3. Officers (believing rent restructuring to be approved) wrote to Tenants as part of the rent notification letters explaining that a 10% movement towards restructured rents would be implemented from July 1<sup>st</sup>. Following recent discussion with the portfolio holder, a subsequent letter has been sent to Tenants in week ending May 31<sup>st</sup> explaining a delay in rent restructuring to the first week of October.

4. The 3.5% across the board increase applied to rents so far has resulted in increases ranging from £1.13 to £2.29 per week. The 10% move to restructured rents will mean a maximum combined rent increase for 2002/3 of £3.20 or £3.30 per week. Some tenants will have their rents reduced as a result of rent restructuring.

THIS REPORT HAS BEEN SEEN AND APPROVED BY: The Housing Portfolio Member, The S151 Officer, and The Group Accountant.

Background papers:

Rent Restructuring Housing Committee 25<sup>th</sup> September 2001  
S&R 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2001

HRA Budget Report Executive Board 26<sup>th</sup> February 2002