

Questions for Full Council Monday 14th September, 2020

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Norman Adams to Cllr Hibbert

Can you give assurance that ANY rents (including service charges) will not in any year exceed the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rate?

Response

No. Whilst the Council will seek to set rents at the lowest level possible and uses LHA as a guide to the maximum it would wish to charge in respect of rent, it cannot commit at this time to never exceeding the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rate.

The LHA rate is set by the Valuation Office Agency Rent Officers in accordance with Government guidance and legislation. If the LHA rate is frozen, for example, this may constrain future house building where charging a higher rent may make the difference between building council homes and not building them.

Cllr S Hibbert
Cabinet Member for Housing & Wellbeing