

**Subject: Draft Housing Revenue Account Budget 2015/16**

**Summary:** This note provides Members with the comments of the Corporate Resources and Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committees during their consideration of the above report in January 2015. These Minutes are presently draft until they are approved by the Committees at future meetings.

### **Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

1. In light of the report and presentation, Members of the Committee discussed proposals to build Council Housing in the north of Central Bedfordshire in addition to schemes provided by Aragon Housing Association. Members also welcomed the proposal to redevelop a site in Houghton Regis, which had been well received by residents.

**RECOMMENDED that the Housing Revenue Account Budget and Investment Plan for 2015/16 – 2021 be endorsed.**

### **Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

2. Councillor Egan declared a pecuniary interest at the outset of this item and prior to leaving the meeting raised comments with regards to the proposed increases to rent.
3. After delivering her statement to the Committee Cllr Egan left the Chamber and it was clarified that the Council could not increase rents by more than the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) +1% and that the proposed increases were in line with Central Government recommendations and adhered with guidelines. It was also noted that the Tenant Panel had been consulted and ratified the proposals.

**RECOMMENDED that the Housing Revenue Account (Landlord Service) Business Plan be endorsed by the Committee.**

*(Cllr Murray abstained from voting).*