

Cheltenham Borough Council Rent Setting Policy

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- Housing Committee consultation

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1. Introduction and purpose of the policy

Local authorities have the power to determine rent levels for their stock providing any Council housing has rents that are aligned with the Regulator for Social Housing’s published Rent Standard. Cheltenham Borough Council (‘the Council’) is committed to providing affordable housing and maintaining the standard of its housing stock for the long-term benefit of residents. The primary source of revenue to achieve this is the Council’s housing rental income. The Council understands that some tenants may be on low incomes and therefore seeks to provide accommodation that is affordable to those people whilst also being able to reinvest sufficient funds to maintain and improve its housing stock.

The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate how the Council will calculate, and charge rent for its housing stock.