

APPENDIX 4

CRR 1: Balance of the Housing Revenue Account.

Whilst risk has reduced due to significant service action and financial mitigation, the impact remains high. The HRA remains a significant focus of both the Housing and Finance Services to continue to work to improve the position and return balances above £2M.

The actions taken have involved a review of expenditure and the reclassification of certain works from revenue to capital. The updated Housing Revenue Account Business plan (being considered by Housing & Wellbeing Committee 4 February) includes significant investment in major works and decarbonisation and a programme of savings and efficiencies on supervision and management at 2%/year over each of the next 5 years.

Further action relates to the de-pooling of service charges and the implementation of charges from April 2025, with this increased income already factored into the HRA Business Plan.

Whilst this risk may be in a position to drop away from the Corporate Risk Register during 2025/26, Committee should be assured that the approach taken by both Housing and Finance Services, including weekly initiatives/project meeting, monthly budget monitoring meetings and regular working groups for areas such as debt recovery will continue.