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FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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MORTGATE INTEREST RATE

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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 The Committee is asked to declare the Local Average Rate of Interest for the period October 2003 to March 2004 at 7.76%.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 Under Section 438 of the Housing Act 1985 the Council is required to declare the Local Average Rate of Interest on its mortgages at six monthly intervals.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Committee is required at this meeting to declare the Local Average Rate for the six months from October 2003 to March 2004. The rate has been calculated to be 7.74%.
- 3.2 Borrowers are actually charged the higher of the Standard National Rate declared by the Secretary of State and the Local Average Rate. The Standard National Rate is based on the rates charged by Banks and Building Societies and is currently 5.19%.
- 3.3 The calculated interest rate of 7.74% has only reduced by 0.02% from the current rate of 7.76%. It is therefore proposed that the rate charged to borrowers remains unchanged at 7.76%.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The rate of interest charged to borrowers will remain unchanged at 7.76%.

5.0 Background Papers

5.1 10 December 2001 Letter from DETR