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FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

AGENDA ITEM:

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MEETING:

30 AUGUST 2001

COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT:

MORTGATE INTEREST RATE

REF: PAC/LJW/H3

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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 2001 to March 2002 at 7.82%.

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 2001 to March 2002. The rate has been calculated to be 7.82%.
- 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 6.68%.
- 3.3 Borrowers will therefore be charged 7.82%. The rate currently charged is 8.43%.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The rate of interest charged to borrowers will decrease from 8.43% to 7.82%.

5.0 Background Papers

5.1 20 March 2001 Letter from DETR