

CABINET

22 JANUARY 2020

15. **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET OPTIONS 2020/21 (EXEMPT APPENDIX)**
[\(CAB3216 - Exempt Appendix\)](#)

At the invitation of the Leader, Councillor Horrill addressed the meeting as summarised briefly below.

Supported the proposals to build new council housing but queried why such a significant amount of right to buy receipts had accumulated with such a tight deadline to spend. Asked whether there was a clear rationale behind the particular properties proposed for acquisition and for further discussions with officers to provide this reassurance.

The Strategic Director: Services (Interim) confirmed that officers were fully aware of the challenge of spending the right to buy receipts within the timeframe stipulated by the government. There were a number of properties that it was possible for the council to acquire which met its viability tests. The Chief Executive added the council would be contacting the government regarding the impact of its policies regarding housing receipts in general.

Councillor Learney noted the comments made and offered that the Head of New Homes Delivery meet Councillor Horrill to provide more information on the proposed acquisitions.

Chairperson