

# Have your say on increase in rent levels

Housing Services is proposing to increase council rents in line with the national guidance which will enable us to continue to invest in Council housing in the borough.

The Council's Cabinet will consider proposals to increase average rents from **£103.10** to **£107.33** – an increase of **4.1%** – in line with central Government rules on social rents.

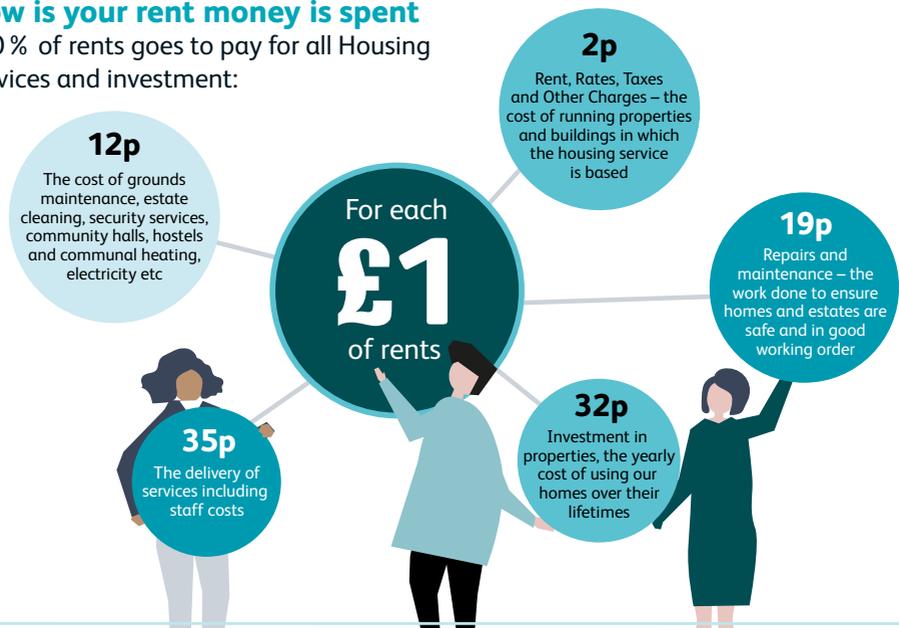
## What the increase means

- The cost of renting a Council home would still be one of the lowest in London
- It provides the Council with vital funds to support vulnerable residents
- Help improve services for Council tenants
- Help invest in Council housing for future generations.

For people on universal credit or housing benefit this increase will be covered by Universal Credit or housing benefit payments, or for those whose rent is partially covered by Universal Credit, the payment will therefore continue to be partially covered.

## How is your rent money is spent

100 % of rents goes to pay for all Housing Services and investment:



## What we have delivered in the last year



10,000+ estate and block inspections



Regular block cleaning



Grounds maintenance programme



70,000+ repairs in homes and buildings



Around 18,000 gas safety checks



1,400+ repairs to/installations of disabled adaptations



Ongoing block refurbishment programme - 300 blocks



400+ properties refurbished and relet



2000+ anti-social behaviour cases managed

## Why the increase is happening

- Costs have increased – for things such as materials, goods such as housing vehicles and services including electricity prices and wages for labour
- There is no other pot of money or central government funding, less rental income means the Council can not maintain its service level.

The vast majority of Tenants' service charges will remain frozen.

For more information on Council rents go online to [hackney.gov.uk/your-rent](https://hackney.gov.uk/your-rent)

Have your say on these proposals by getting in touch before **10 January 2022**, on email:

 [housing.rents@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:housing.rents@hackney.gov.uk); or by writing to:

**Rent Section, Hackney Service Centre,  
1 Hillman Street, London E8 1DY**

Title your correspondence 'rent increase proposal'.