

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject:** Water Charges Collection: PROPOSED CONTRACT RENEWAL

**Report to Cabinet**

**Date: 10 December 2024**

**Report of: (a)** Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration & Housing

**Key Decision: (b)** N

Forward Plan  General Exception  Special Urgency  (Mark with a Y if applicable)

**Summary:**

The five-year agreement between the Council and United Utilities to collect water charges from Council tenants is due to expire on 31st March 2025. The collection of water charges has been a huge success for the Council, Stockport Homes and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) during the last 16 years and this report reviews the current arrangements and outlines the terms of a proposed new agreement from April 2025.

**Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)**

Circa £12.1m of commission have been earned over the fifteen-year period since collection of water charges by Stockport Homes started. The monies have been used on a range of projects to support our tenants including money advice and social inclusion initiatives.

It is expected that the new agreement would yield commission of around £4.7m over the next 5 years and the monies would be used to continue the support services provided to tenants.

**Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)**

That the Cabinet approves the proposal to extend the water collection agreement until 31 March 2030.

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): (e)**

Economy, Regeneration and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee

**Background Papers (if report for publication): (f)**

Contact person for accessing background papers and discussing the report

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**'Urgent Business': (g)**

**Yes/ No (Please circle)**

**Certification (if applicable)**

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

AGENDA ITEM