

REPORT OF BUSINESS SERVICES CONTRACTS COMMITTEE

(Meeting held 16 June 2000)

**1. HOUSING MANAGEMENT CONTRACT PROGRESS REPORT (REPORT A)
(MINUTE NO 8)**

The Committee was pleased to note a satisfactory surplus for the 1999/2000 year. As in previous years, the Committee agreed to transfer a proportion of the surplus to the Housing Revenue Account, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State and of Policy and Resources Committee. The remainder of the surplus will be retained in the Reserve Fund for use in the event of contingencies.

**2. TAX AND BENEFITS SERVICE CONTRACT PROGRESS REPORT
(REPORT B) (MINUTE NO 9)**

The Committee was pleased to note a surplus for the 1999/2000 year considerably in excess of that budgeted for.

Although month by month fluctuations in performance on collecting Council Tax were identified, for the year as a whole performance for both Council Tax and Business Rate collection was better than both the target, and the performance of most other Councils. The cost of collection per head is the lowest of any Council. A firm line continues to be taken on collecting arrears.

**Councillor B Rickman
CHAIRMAN**