

## Leaseholder Service Charge Working Party

### Proposed resolutions from the Resident Members to Residential Consultative Committee

The Working Party met on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, to review the Proposed Service Charge Budget

This proved to be impossible as some costs were still to be provided by the Chamberlain.

It was hoped that members of the group would have the opportunity to scrutinize the proposals in time to pose any questions to the BEO prior to the RCC meeting and report accordingly.

Serious concern was expressed at the history, over the past twenty years, of service charges growing ahead of inflation when there had been no increase in the level of service. On average lessees are paying £1300 a year more than they would have if charges had been in line with inflation.

It was questioned whether serious attempts had been made to review and reduce costs over the years as the emphasis from the BRC had been on ensuring that the charges were collected in full rather than minimized.

The residential members of the group proposed to recommend to the RCC that the following resolutions should be passed

1. The Service Charge Budget (Estimate) as currently presented shows above-inflation increases in total and in recurring costs. This is a trend over multiple years and is not acceptable. This committee requests the officers responsible to present a 2020-2021 Budget which shows an overall increase less than or equal to inflation, while maintaining current service levels.

2. This Committee asks the BRC to ensure the City of London, as part of its regular activities, manages and controls service charge expenditure so that future Service Charge estimates and actuals show overall year-on-year increments at or below inflation, while maintaining current service levels.