## Newark and Sherwood District Council (NSDC) 30-year Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan (BP): some key assumptions

Assumption topic	Assumption				
Income: inflation	Increase in 2020/21 rental income by 2.7%, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for September 2019 (1.7%) plus 1%.  Increase in 2021/22 rental income by 2.9%, based on the CPI forecast for 2020 Q3 (1.9%) within the five-year CPI forecast (2019 to 2023) published by the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) plus 1%  Increase in 2022/23 and 2023/24 rental income by 3.0%, based on the same principle and publication as the increase in 2021/22 rental income, using the 2021 Q3 (2.0%) and 2022 Q3 (2.0%) forecasts respectively.				
		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	CPI + 1%	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%
	CPI data	Sep-19	2020 Q3	2021 Q3	2022 Q3
Income: rent loss from void properties	1% in each year between 2020/21 and 2023/24.  Between 2014/15 and 2018/19, the percentage of rent lost through dwellings being vacant has ranged between 0.60% and 0.97% annually. Though the trend has been for annual increases, rent lost from empty properties has been reducing since it peaked in 2018-19 Q1.				
Expenditure: new build properties	Capital expenditure between 2020/21 and 2023/24 in line with the council's approved HRA development programme, amended for relevant information which subsequently comes to light.				
Expenditure: asset management programme	Capital expenditure between 2020/21 and 2023/24 in line with the asset management programme presented to the Board of Newark and Sherwood Homes Ltd. (NSH), amended for relevant information which subsequently comes to light.				
Right to Buy (RTB)	25 sales in each year between 2020/21 and 2023/24.  The council has had 18 RTB sales in 2019/20 Q1-Q3. 2015/16 was the last time RTB sales were lower in Q1-Q3 (15).  All Nottinghamshire districts with HRAs except for one have seen reduced RTB sales in 2019/20 Q1-Q2 compared to 2018-19 Q1-Q2.  Nationally, sales are at their lowest level since 2012/13.				