

## WATER METERS IN COUNCIL PROPERTY

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members of the Community Services Committee to consider allowing all tenants to apply to the Essex & Suffolk Water Company for the installation of a water meter.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The former Community Services Committee at its meeting on 9 June 1998 considered a report on allowing all tenants of one and two bedroom properties to make application to the Essex & Suffolk Water Company for the installation of a water meter.
- 2.2 Tenants of 3 and 4 bedroom properties were excluded as this facility may have proved to be a more expensive method of paying for water should the property be relet to a larger family. The Committee resolved to allow tenants of one and two bedroom properties to apply for a metered water supply.

### 3 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Several tenants of 3 bedroom houses have recently requested permission to apply to the Essex & Suffolk water company for the installation of a water meter following the Council's decision on direct billing for water services. All new properties have metered water supply to encourage responsible use of water and consideration should be given to encouraging existing users to conserve water.

### 4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That tenants of all types of property other than sheltered housing be given permission to make application to the Essex & Suffolk Water Company for the installation of a water meter. (HRHM)

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**Background Papers:**

None

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