Rent review process at Darwin

Established practice at Darwin is that an annual review of rents be based on “… increasing licence fees and rents annually at RPIX uplifted by 1-2%. To an extent this also makes allowance for inflation in local property and housing costs which have generally run above the national inflation figures.”

Since 2018, CPIH has been used as the reference for inflation as opposed to RPIX.

Any changes to rents proposed by the Second Bursar are discussed in the first instance with the DCSA President, with the aim of reaching broad consensus including any concessions before a final proposal is circulated to the College Finance Committee for discussion and decision.

This process is completed in time for the drafting of the College budget for the following financial year, and must take into account the cycle of student accommodation applications which begins with the ballot for continuing students on 1st March. Continuing students are made a tentative offer of accommodation for the coming year from the end of March, but are allowed to review their offer once the updated rents for the following year are confirmed.

Allocations for incoming (new) students begin from the end of May.