

## ACTION PLAN: HMCIP FINDINGS PAPER

### LIFE IN PRISON: EARNING AND SPENDING MONEY

TIMETABLE	DATE	STATUS OF THIS RETURN
Report published	29 January 2016	
Action Plan Submitted	20 April 2016	Attached

1. Rec. no	2 Recommendation	3. Accepted/ Rejected	4. Response Action Taken/Planned	5. Policy Lead	6. Target Date
i	There should be a review of prisoner pay and money in possession rates, which have not changed since 1992 and 2008 respectively.	Accepted	Prisoner Pay policy is currently being reviewed as part of the wider Prison Reform programme.	Simon Greenwood, Equality, Rights and Decency Group (ERDG)	31 March 2017
ii	Allowances for older prisoners and others who are unable to work should be reviewed and should provide sufficient income to cover new TV rent charges and other reasonable basic items.	Will be determined once the prisoners' pay review has been conducted	Prisoner Pay policy is currently being reviewed as part of the wider Prison Reform programme. This issue will be considered as part of that review.	Simon Greenwood, ERDG	31 March 2017
iii	Pay should be linked to performance and effort in work, education or training and not disincentivise education or offender behaviour work.	Will be determined once the prisoners' pay review has been conducted	Prisoner Pay policy is currently being reviewed as part of the wider Prison Reform programme. These issues will be considered as part of that review.	Simon Greenwood, ERDG	31 March 2017
iv	Prisoners should not be charged an administration fee for catalogue orders.	Rejected	The national catalogue fee was brought in as part of Prison Service Instruction 23/2013 <i>Prisoner Retail</i> , following consultation. There is provision within the PSI for the catalogue handling fee to be waived in circumstances where products are being purchased	Stephen Crane  Retail Support Manager Commissioning	

			as specific requirements for a protected group, where to charge the handling fee would disadvantage the individual compared to the general population. The charge is only a contribution towards the costs of providing this ordering service for prisoners, and is mandatory across all prisons.	Group	
v	National and international charges for telephone calls from prisons should be reviewed to achieve equivalence with similar charges in the community.	Partially Accepted	There are no plans at present to review international charges for telephone calls, however national call charges are currently under review.	Natasha Grant, ERDG  Paul Martin, Programme Manager, Digital & Change Directorate	May 2016