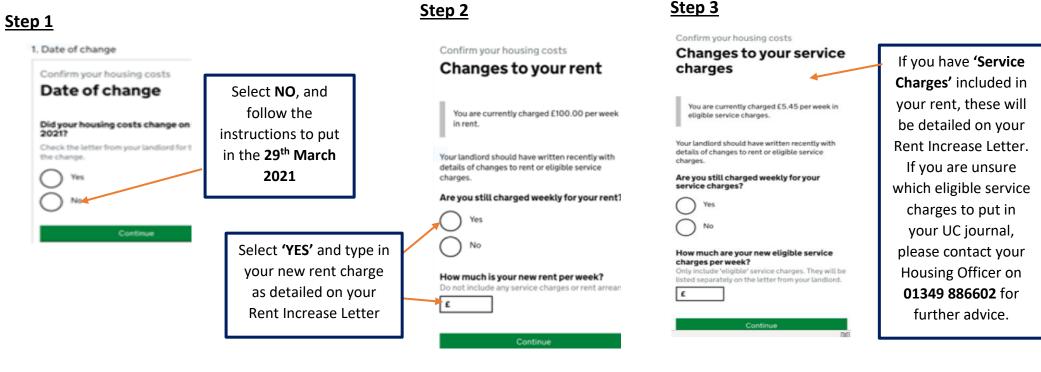
## Universal Credit – Annual Rent Increase 2021/2022

## **Useful Information for Highland Council Tenants**

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit Housing Costs to help you pay your rent, it is **your responsibility** to notify the Department of Work & Pensions (DWP) of your annual rent increase.

This year, Highland Council rents are increasing on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021. You will probably receive a **'To-do'** in your Universal Credit journal during April 2021 asking you if you have had an increase. Please follow the instructions below to report your rent increase.



**Remember:** All Highland Council Tenants have four 'rent-free' weeks per year. The 'To-do' will only ask you about changes to your rent and any service charges, it will not ask you about about rent-free weeks. You can check you have the correct number of rent-free weeks declared by looking at the housing costs that you have previously declared. **If you have any queries about your annual rent increase and your Universal Credit claim, please contact your Housing Officer on 01349 886602 for further advice.** 



