

WRITE OFF OF IRRECOVERABLE DEBT

Executive Summary

Financial Regulation 12.14 requires the Executive to authorise the write off of any debt over £10,000.

A small number of Housing Benefit, Business Rates and Sundry debts are identified as irrecoverable.

All avenues have been pursued to collect these debts, following the Council's debt recovery procedures and the statutory recovery policy for Business Rates. This includes the use of tracing agents, enforcement agents and legal action where appropriate. Debts are only recommended for write off when there is no possibility that the income can be recovered.

In March 2023 a list of Business Rates debt, to be considered for write off, was circulated to the Executive leading up to the Executive Meeting dated 23 March 2023. However, the list was subsequently withdrawn and none of the debt was considered for write off at the March Executive.

There are 6 accounts which were listed in March 2023 but which, following review, will not be included for consideration on this occasion.

Appendix 1 sets out those debts over £10,000 recommended for write off by Officers.

Please be advised that private individuals' names have been redacted due to this report forming part of the public record.

Recommendations

The Executive is requested to:

RESOLVE That

the debts listed in Appendix 1 to the report be written off.

Reasons for Decision

Reason: To write off debts over £10,000.

The Executive has the authority to determine the recommendation(s) set out above.

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Background Papers: None.

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