

EX111. IRRECOVERABLE DEBTS 2015/16

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services recommending that irrecoverable debts in regard to Council Tax, Housing Benefit Overpayments, Non Domestic Rates, Sundry Accounts and Payroll Overpayments are written out of the 2015/16 accounts.

In terms of Financial Regulations, debts not exceeding £5,000 can be written out of the accounts by the Chief Finance Officer. For debts exceeding £5,000 Executive approval is required.

Details were given of debts exceeding £5,000 in regard to Council Tax, Housing Benefit Overpayments, Non Domestic Rates, Sundry Accounts and Payroll Overpayments and approval was sought to write these off.

The Executive agreed: -

- (1) that Council Tax debts in excess of £5,000 totalling £74,477.62 as detailed in Appendix A to the report be written out of the Accounts in 2015/16, subject to further recovery action being taken should the opportunity arise;**
- (2) that Rent debts in excess of £5,000 totalling £21,456.51 as detailed in Appendix B to the report be written out of the Accounts in 2015/16, subject to further recovery action being taken should the opportunity arise;**
- (3) that Housing Benefit Overpayments in excess of £5,000 totalling £5,718.21 as detailed in Appendix C to the report be written out of the Accounts in 2015/16, subject to further recovery action being taken should the opportunity arise;**
- (4) that Non-Domestic Rates debts in excess of £5,000 amounting to £917,990.14 as detailed in Appendix D to the report be written off, with an appropriate adjustment to the Rate Income Return for 2015/16, subject to amendments should further information on the debtors concerned become available;**
- (5) that Sundry Account debts in excess of £5,000 totalling £64,683.86 (Inclusive of VAT) as detailed in Appendix E to the report be written out of the Accounts in 2015/16, subject to further recovery action being taken should the opportunity arise; and**
- (6) that Temporary Accommodation charges in excess of £5,000 totalling £25,621.70 as detailed in Appendix F to the report be written out of the Accounts in 2015/16, subject to further recovery action being taken should the opportunity arise.**