

EX147. IRRECOVERABLE DEBTS 2013/14

The Executive considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer 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 2013/14 accounts.

In terms of Financial Regulations, debts not exceeding £5000 can be written out of the accounts by the Chief Finance Officer. For debts exceeding £5000, Executive approval is required to write them off.

Details were given of debts exceeding £5000 in regard to council tax, housing benefit overpayments, non domestic rates, sundry accounts and payroll overpayments and approval was sought to write off these debts.

Decision

The Executive agreed that:-

- (1) Council Tax debts in excess of £5,000 totalling £24,610.20 as detailed in Appendix A to the report be written out of the Accounts in 2013/14, subject to further recovery action being taken should the opportunity arise;**
- (2) Housing Benefit Overpayments in excess of £5,000 totalling £71,840.92 as detailed in Appendix B to the report be written out of the Accounts in 2013/14, subject to further recovery action being taken should the opportunity arise;**
- (3) Non-Domestic Rates debts in excess of £5,000 amounting to £437,704.27 as detailed in Appendix C to the report be written off, with an appropriate adjustment to the Rate Income Return for 2013/14, subject to amendments should further information on the debtors concerned become available, and**
- (4) Sundry Account debts in excess of £5,000 totalling £106,281.31 (inclusive of VAT) as detailed in Appendix D to the report be written out of the Accounts in 2013/14, subject to further recovery action being taken should the opportunity arise.**