

APPLICATION TO WRITE OFF HOUSING BENEFIT OVERPAYMENTS

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cases relating to Housing Benefit overpayment over £5000.00, for reasons stated below. All relevant correspondence and notes are held within Academy notes and Idox

Codes		Number	Amount
AB	Gone Abroad/unable to collect		
AM	All means exhausted		
BR	Bankrupt Regs - cannot recover	1	14201.47
CM	Compassionate		
CS	Court Costs Invoice for Write Off		
DE	Debtor Deceased - no funds		
DO	Debt Relief Order	1	11610.85
DP	Discretionary Housing Payment		
GA	Gone Away - no trace		
HA	Hardship Write Off		
IV	Individual Voluntary Arrangement	2	28465.96
LD	LA discretion		
LE	SDC Error		
OD	Old Debt - to old to recover		
PR	In Prison		
RA	Returned collection agency account		
SY	System Error		
TD	Time Delay		
UN	Uneconomical to collect		
TOTAL AMOUNT		4	54278.28

Overpayments Team Leader Dated

F & R Portfolio Holder Dated 13.02.17

Reference Number – [REDACTED]

Customer Number – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Sevenoaks

Kent

TN14 [REDACTED]

Debt relates to – the above address

Outstanding Overpayment value - £14201.47

Recommendation

Following checks against outstanding invoices the above outstanding balance was identified. The above overpayment is made up of one invoice totalling £14201.47, this is the remaining balance of a larger debt which totalled £16165.59. The debt covers the period 12.09.2011 to 05.01.2015 due to changes in her earned income.

[REDACTED] was investigated for Fraud but has not been prosecuted.

The original invoice was reduced by the sum of £1964.12 following an Underlying Entitlement adjustment on [REDACTED] Housing Benefit entitlement.

Between the dates of March 2015 to August 2015 the Council have issued 1st and 2nd reminder notices to her without success and the account was passed to Rundles collection agency in October 2015, it was at this point it came to the Councils knowledge that [REDACTED] was bankrupt, the account was returned by Rundles in November 2015.

Investigation found that [REDACTED] was made Bankrupt wef 17.09.2015, her bankruptcy was discharged wef 17.09.2016 – under current Housing Benefit regulations the Council are unable to recover the outstanding debt balance as [REDACTED] has not been prosecuted.

Due to the restrictions within the regulations I request that the debt of £14201.47 is written off – Bankruptcy.

Signed

Overpayment Team Leader [REDACTED] Dated 17/1/17

F & R Portfolio Holder [REDACTED] Dated 13.02.17

Reference Number – [REDACTED]

Customer Number – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Swanley

Kent

BR8 [REDACTED]

Debt relates to – as above

Outstanding Overpayment value - £11610.85

Recommendation

Following checks against outstanding invoices the above outstanding balance was identified. The above overpayment is made up of one invoice totalling £11610.85. The debt covers the period 05.12.2011 to 20.10.2014 due to change in earned income.

[REDACTED] was investigated for Fraud but was not prosecuted.

Between the dates of February 2015 to April 2016 the Council have issued 1st and 2nd reminder notices without success and the account has also been passed to Rundles collection agency, the account was recalled from Rundles in December 2015.

With effect from 04.12.2015 [REDACTED] had a Debt Relief Order made against him [REDACTED] under current Housing Benefit regulations the Council must cease recovery of any debt included in the DRO.

Due to the restrictions within the regulations I request that the debt of £11610.85 is written off–
DRO

Signed

Overpayment Team Leader Dated 17/1/17

F & R Portfolio Holder Dated 13.02.17

Reference Number — [REDACTED]

Customer Number — [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Hartley

Longfield

DA3 [REDACTED]

Debt relates to – As Above

Outstanding Overpayment value - £18439.03

Recommendation

Following checks against outstanding invoices the above outstanding balance was identified. The above overpayment is made up of one invoice totalling £18439.03, this is the remaining balance of a larger debt which totalled £18953.08. The debt covers the period 31.08.2009 to 16.12.20130 due to a change in household details.

The sum of £514.05 has been collected via deductions from [REDACTED] Housing Benefit entitlement, the last payment being recovered June 2015 by this method when [REDACTED] ceased to be entitled to Housing Benefit.

Following an appeal by [REDACTED] the Council issued 1st and 2nd reminder notices between July 2015 to 10.09.2015 without success.

With effect from 19.01.2016 [REDACTED] entered into an IVA – under current Housing Benefit regulations the Council must cease recovery of any debt included in the proposal and wait for the agreed dividends.

Due to the restrictions within the regulations I request that the debt of £18439.03 is written off pending dividends due which will be written back on to the system – IVA

Signed

Overpayment Team Leader Dated 17/1/17

F & R Portfolio Holder Dated 13.02.17

Reference Number – [REDACTED]

Customer Number – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Swanley

Kent

BR8 [REDACTED]

Debt relates to – As Above

Outstanding Overpayment value - £10026.93

Recommendation

Following checks against outstanding invoices the above outstanding balance was identified. The above overpayment is made up of two invoices totalling £10026.93 - £9424.54 this debt covers the period 16.12.2013 to 08.08.2016 due to a change in household details - £602.39 this debt covers the period 29.09.2014 to 27.07.2015. due to a change in household details

The sum of £163.33 has been collected via direct payments, the last payment being recovered November 2016.

Council have issued 1st and 2nd reminder notices without success.

With effect from 08.12.2016 [REDACTED] entered into an IVA – under current Housing Benefit regulations the Council must cease recovery of any debt included in the proposal and wait for the agreed dividends.

Due to the restrictions within the regulations I request that the debt of £10026.93 is written off pending dividends due which will be written back on to the system – IVA

Signed

Overpayment Team Leader [REDACTED] Dated 17/1/17

F & R Portfolio Holder [REDACTED] Dated 13.02.17