

Decision Number: 31 (2016/17)

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

Subject: Write off of Housing Benefit Overpayments
Details of Decision taken Agreed Write off of £54,278.28
Reason for Decision Debts are considered to be uncollectible for the reasons set out in each individual report.
All Documents considered: Summary of cases attached
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision: Uncollectible debts could be left on the system. However, this does not then provide a true picture of the arrears or allow effort to be focussed on those debts which could be recovered.
Financial implications Writing off overpayments from previous years will have no subsidy implications as entitlement will already have been calculated and awarded at a reduced rate. Provision exists within the Council's accounts to meet the costs of the write-offs.
Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement The Council is prevented from taking further recovery action in cases subject to insolvency proceedings.
Equality Impacts (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty) The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

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Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted

Adrian Rowbotham

Details of any conflicts of interest

a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker

b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict

Decision taken by:	Portfolio Holder for Finance & Resources
Signed by Portfolio Holder	
Date of Decision	13.02.17
Record made by:	Charlotte Sinclair
Date of record:	14.02.17.

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