

Council Tax Write-Off's

1. Purpose of this Report

1.1 To seek approval to write off a schedule of Council Tax accounts above £500.00.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Council Tax accounts totalling £46,661.14, as shown in the Appendix 1, be written off.

3. Links to Corporate Business Plan

3.1 The collection of revenue is of vital importance to the financial management of the Council.

4. Background

4.1 The Council's collection rate remains high. The arrears brought forward from the previous financial year were £2.3 million. Together with the current year Council Tax of approximately £56 million, the Recovery Team use all available means to maximise collection.

4.2 The attached schedule shows a list of accounts amounting to £46,661.14, where the action taken has been unsuccessful and which the officers consider are now irrecoverable.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The Council has made provision for bad debts and the total amount of this schedule can be met from that. There will be no effect on the Council's revenue accounts.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 None.

7. Community & Environmental Implications

7.1 None.

8. Human Resources Implications

8.1 None.

9. Equal Opportunities Implications

9.1 None.

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