

**APPENDIX 3
HOUSING BENEFIT OVERPAYMENTS**

	As at 31/3/2007		As at 31/3/06	
	£	£	£	£
Due for Year (subject to reconcilliation)		721,906		687,192
Arrears b/fwd		767,963		657,075
Collected:				
Ongoing benefit entitlement	162,059		306,015	
Paid	316,617		240,091	
		478,676		546,106
Written-off		21,094		30,197
Balance outstanding		<u>990,099</u>		<u>767,964</u>
Collection rate - identified current year		58.1%		61.2%
Collection rate - all years		30.1%		37.7%
Write-offs		1.3%		2.1%
Aged debt:				
2006/7		380,890		
2005/6		368,141		476,727
2004/5		43,515		58,962
2003/4		79,101		98,209
2002/3		41,076		43,403
Earlier		77,376		90,662
Total arrears		990,099		767,963