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Category Part of the Budget and Policy Framework

Subject: Arrears – Irrecoverable Items over £1,000

Report by: Head of Finance and Revenues

Other Officers

Involved

Director Director of Resources

Relevant Councillor A. M. Syrett, Portfolio Holder for Social Inclusion

Portfolio Holder

#### **RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS**

STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Continually improving our organisation.

To maintain sound Financial Management and continue to seek efficiency savings. As part of sound financial management it is necessary to recognise and deal with money owed where no further effective steps can be taken for recovery. This also goes to providing efficient Council services.

#### **TARGETS**

Does not apply to this report.

#### **VALUE FOR MONEY**

Ensuring that the limited resources are concentrated on recovery of debt that is collectable. Under current Council guidance, it has been considered not cost-effective to spend more money on outside agencies to take further action.

#### THE REPORT

#### **IRRECOVERABLE ITEMS**

Executive is requested to approve the write off of the under-mentioned irrecoverable items including costs amounting to £40,098.16 as itemised on the attached schedules.

Bankruptcy/ Liquidation					
No of Accounts	Type of Account				
6	6 Business Rates				
	Total	£26,121.73			

No Trace					
No of Accounts	Type of Account				
4	Business Rates	£6,265.84			
4	Council Tax	£7,710.59			
	Total	£13,976.43			

Where debtors leave the property without forwarding addresses extensive efforts are made to trace them. In addition to departmental checks, statutory undertakers and other agencies are contacted, enquiries are made of neighbours and family or employers where known. Where it is known that a person has moved to another area contact is made with the relevant local authority to alert them and request reciprocal information.

#### ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Writing off the outstanding debts in respect of persons who can't be traced/ are bankrupt or companies in liquidation.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

Financial: None Legal: None

Human Resources: None

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That approval is given to write off the irrecoverable items including costs amounting to £40,098.16 with the proviso that should any of the debts become collectable the amounts be re-debited.

# REASON FOR DECISION TO BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION

In order that outstanding debts can be written off.

ATTACHMENTS: Y

SOURCE DOCUMENT: Official Receiver/ Internal records.

	BUSINESS RATES: AMOUNTS FOR WRITE OFF: BANKRUPT								
	Account	<b>Lead Liable Name</b>	<u>Address</u>	_	Account	<u>Liable</u>	<u>Liable</u>	<u>Bill</u>	
	<u>Reference</u>			_	<u>Balance</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
1	800071964	MR RORY HALLAM	ROYAL OAK INN HIGH STREET BARLBOROUGH	£	4,546.16	01/04/2009	05/10/2009	£4,546.16	
2	80014406X	XJF PLASTICS	HIGH HAZELS ROAD BARLBOROUGH	£	8,090.20	01/04/2008	01/04/2009	£8,090.20	
3	800147137	ELMSDEAN CONSORTIUM	UNIT 8 ENTERPRISE COURT	£	1,057.62	03/12/2008	01/04/2009	£ 390.91	
			COLLIERY ROAD CRESWELL			01/04/2009	10/11/2009	£ 666.71	
4	800140907	A1 INVESTMENTS LTD	UNIT 51	£	10,063.26	01/04/2008	01/04/2009	£1,387.00	
			MCARTHUR GLEN RETAIL SOUTH NORMANTON			01/04/2009	15/11/2009	£8,676.26	
5	800149254	RCS HOMES LTD	2 ORCHARD MEWS PINXTON	£	1,088.99	01/04/2009	23/10/2009	£1,088.99	
6	800125795	MR DEAN ROBINSON	BLACK DIAMOND	£	1,275.50	01/04/2008	15/07/2008	£1,275.50	
			ELMTON ROAD CRESWELL						
				£	26,121.73				

	BUSINESS RATES: AMOUNTS FOR WRITE OFF: NO TRACE							
	<u>Account</u>	Lead Liable Name	<u>Address</u>		<u>Account</u>	<u>Liable</u>	<u>Liable</u>	<u>Bill</u>
	<u>Reference</u>			_	<u>Balance</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1	800131422	MR L ALI	124 THE COMMON SOUTH NORMANTON	£	1,130.97	01/04/2007 01/04/2008 01/04/2009	01/04/2008 01/04/2009 30/06/2009	£ 366.53 £ 565.95 £ 198.49
2	800136116	MR ANDREW HORTON	THE SUMMIT CARTER LANE SHIREBROOK	£	1,524.27	30/08/2007 01/04/2008	01/04/2008 16/06/2008	£ 901.35 £ 622.92
3	800143153	MR P GILES	UNIT 2 HIGH ASH FARM MANSFIELD ROAD CLOWNE	£	2,577.33	17/03/2008 01/04/2008	01/04/2008 01/01/2009	£ 175.56 £2,401.77
4	800148553	LOCK INNS	BUTCHERS ARMS 2 MASON STREET WHITWELL	£	1,033.27	30/01/2009 01/04/2009	01/04/2009 16/07/2009	£ 399.45 £ 633.82
				£	6,265.84			

COUNCIL	TAX: AMOUNTS FOR WRITE OFF: NO TRACE

	Account Reference	<u>Lead Liable Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	Account Balance		<u>Liable</u> <u>From</u>	<u>Liable</u> <u>To</u>	<u>_E</u>	<u>Bill</u> Balance
1	901242546	YATES,MR KEN	69 CHARLESWORTH STREET CARR VALE S44 6JQ	£	1,362.58	15/07/2007 01/04/2008	01/04/2008 06/12/2008	£	703.47 659.11
2	90119603X	ANDREWES,MS DAWN	119 MODEL VILLAGE CRESWELL S80 4BL	£	1,432.28	19/03/2007 01/04/2007 01/04/2008	01/04/2007 01/04/2008 02/03/2009	£	59.61 382.01 990.66
3	901067763	HIRDEN,MR DYLAN	202 WHARF ROAD PINXTON NG16 6LQ	£	2,802.69	15/12/2004 01/04/2005 01/04/2006 01/04/2007 01/04/2008	01/04/2005 01/04/2006 01/04/2007 01/04/2008 21/11/2008	£ £ £	124.00 288.36 840.29 876.50 673.54
4	900930768	BURCHELL,MR MARTIN	9 SOUTHFIELDS DRIVE SOUTH NORMANTON DE55 2DW	£	2,113.04	01/04/2003 01/04/2004 01/04/2005	01/04/2004 01/04/2005 26/12/2005	£	583.69 785.88 743.47

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