

Bolsover District Council**Executive****30th March 2015****Arrears – Irrecoverable Items over £2500****Report of the Joint Executive Director Operations**

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Purpose of the Report

- Executive is requested to approve the write off of the under-mentioned irrecoverable items including costs amounting to £3,340.59 as itemised on the attached schedules.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 The report details the amounts which are recommended for write off:

Bankruptcy/ Liquidation		
No of Accounts	Type of Account	
3	Council Tax	£3,340.59
	Total	£3,340.59

- 1.2 The above schedule is recommending the write off of these outstanding debts in respect of accounts where the debtor is bankrupt / in liquidation. Given that the debtor is bankrupt / in liquidation there is no realistic prospect of recovery.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The report seeks agreement to writing off of outstanding debts in respect of persons who are bankrupt / in liquidation. The process of writing off debts which are not collectable allows resources to be directed at those elements of outstanding debt where there is greater chance of recovery, while it improves the accuracy of the Council's financial statements in that they no longer detail debt which is effectively irrecoverable.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

There are no issues concerning consultation or equalities arising directly from this report.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

The only option is not to write off the amounts concerned which for reasons outlined within the report is not considered to be an appropriate course of action.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

The costs will be met from the provision for doubtful debts that has been agreed as part of the Council's budget.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

There are no issues arising directly from this report.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

There are no issues arising directly from this report.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That approval is given to write off the irrecoverable items including costs amounting to £3,340.59 with the proviso that should any of the debts become collectable the amounts be re-debited.

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
District Wards Affected	N/A
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	Strategic Organisational Development - Continually improving our organisation

8 **Document Information**

Appendix No	Title
1	Council Tax: Amounts for Write Off – Liquidation
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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Report Reference –

COUNCIL TAX: AMOUNTS FOR WRITE OFF - BANKRUPTCY

	<u>Account Reference</u>	<u>Lead Liable Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Account Balance</u>	<u>Liabile From</u>	<u>Liabile To</u>	<u>Bill Balance</u>
1	901435876	MIDWAY HOUSING	63 KING STREET CLOWNE S43 4BS	£1,549.34	01/04/2012 01/04/2013 01/04/2014	01/04/2013 01/04/2014 10/06/2014	£ 296.70 £1,047.01 £ 205.63
2	901471953	MIDWAY HOUSING	69 KING STREET CLOWNE S43 4BS	£1,402.41	26/08/2012 01/04/2013 01/04/2014	01/04/2013 01/04/2014 10/06/2014	£ 149.77 £1,047.01 £ 205.63
3	901381221	MIDWAY HOUSING	8 PEEL STREET SOUTH NORMANTON DE55 2DE	£ 388.84	01/04/2014	25/06/2014	£ 388.84
				<u>£3,340.59</u>			