# **Bolsover District Council**

#### **Executive**

# 4th January 2016

#### Arrears – Irrecoverable Items over £2500

### **Report of the Joint Executive Director Operations**

This report is public

# **Purpose of the Report**

 Executive is requested to approve the write off of the under-mentioned irrecoverable items including costs amounting to £49,825.83 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					
6	Council Tax	£28,884.52				
4	Business Rates	£14,932.39				
2	Benefit Overpayments	£6,008.92				
	Total	£49,825.83				

1.2 The above schedules are recommending the write off of these outstanding debts. Where 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 <u>Implications</u>

### 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 £49,825.83 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	All

# 8 <u>Document Information</u>

Appendix No	Title				
1	Council Tax: Amounts for Write Off –				
3	Business Rates: Amounts for Write Off – Liquidation Benefit Overpayments: Amounts for Write Off – Bankruptcy				
<b>Background Papers</b> (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)					
Report Author		Contact Number			
Billing and Recovery Manager Ext 2432					

**COUNCIL TAX: AMOUNTS FOR WRITE OFF - BANRUPTCY** 

	Account	Lead Liable Name	Address		Account	<u>Liable</u>	<u>Liable</u>		Bill
	<u>Reference</u>				<b>Balance</b>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>		<u>Balance</u>
1	901250408	STANFORTH,MR JAMIE	23 NIGHTINGALE AVENUE	£	6,195.91	01/04/2009	01/04/2010	£	507.01
			PLEASLEY			01/04/2010	01/04/2011	£	1,341.00
			NG19 7QN			01/04/2011	01/04/2012	£	1,286.82
						01/04/2012	01/04/2013	£	1,307.06
						01/04/2013	01/04/2014	£	1,754.02
2	901585160	BHARJ,MR HADEEP	9A ROTHERHAM ROAD	£	2,608.25	17/07/2013	01/04/2014	£	521.92
		,	NEW HOUGHTON		,	01/04/2014	01/04/2015	£	1,009.00
			NG19 8TA			01/04/2015	01/04/2016	£	1,077.33
3	901172202	MCALEESE,MR GARY	11 THE OAKLANDS	£	1,862.54	04/10/2005	01/04/2006	£	1,090.13
		,	SOUTH NORMANTON		,	01/04/2006	04/08/2006	£	772.41
			DE55 3BN						
4	901259757	MCALEESE,MR GARY	11 THE OAKLANDS	£	17,241.27	01/04/2008	01/04/2009	£	2,190.00
			SOUTH NORMANTON			01/04/2009	01/04/2010	£	2,397.39
			DE55 3BN			01/04/2010	01/04/2011	£	2,280.07
						01/04/2011	01/04/2012	£	2,626.95
						01/04/2012	01/04/2013	£	2,636.65
						01/04/2013	01/04/2014	£	2,651.75
						01/04/2014	27/02/2015	£	2,458.46
5	900913625	MCALEESE,MR GARY	11 THE OAKLANDS SOUTH NORMANTON DE55 3BN	£	610.96	05/11/2004	01/04/2005	£	610.96
6	901191355	MCALEESE,MR GARY	11 THE OAKLANDS SOUTH NORMANTON	£	365.59	03/11/2006	18/02/2007	£	365.59
			DE55 3BN	£	28,884.52				

	BUSINESS RATES: AMOUNTS FOR WRITE OFF: LIQUIDATION									
	<u>Account</u>	<b>Lead Liable Name</b>	<u>Address</u>	Account	<u>Liable</u>	<u>Liable</u>	Bill			
	<u>Reference</u>			<u>Balance</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Balance</u>			
1	800167712	RESIN SHOP LTD	UNIT 7 AT 1 BROOKHILL LANE BROOKHILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE PINXTON	£ 5,488.92	01/04/2013 01/04/2015	01/04/2014 08/09/2015	£ 2,184.00 £ 3,304.92			
2	800172543	W KING PRECISION ENGINEERING	UNITS 2 & 3 AT 16 PLYMOUTH AVENUE BROOKHILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE PINXTON	£ 1,385.36	01/04/2014 01/04/2015	01/04/2015 15/05/2015	£ 721.75 £ 663.61			
3	800172552	W KING PRECISION ENGINEERING	UNIT 1 AT 16 PLYMOUTH AVENUE BROOKHILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE PINXTON	£ 3,900.72	01/04/2014 01/04/2015	01/04/2015 15/05/2015	£ 3,064.00 £ 836.72			
4	800187628	VIPER COATINGS LTD	UNIT 2 AT 20 BROOKHILL LANE BROOKHILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE PINXTON	£ 4,157.39	01/04/2015	04/09/2015	£ 4,157.39			

£14,932.39

·	Account Reference	<u>Lead Liable Name</u>	<u>Address</u>		Account Balance	<u>Invoice</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Bill</u> <u>Balance</u>
1	87175	MRS L WHEATLEY	15 ALANDALE AVENUE LANGWITH JUNCTION NG20 9RU	£	3,226.51	30219418	£ 3,226.51
2	42259	MRS S LINDLEY	36 OLIVE AVENUE SHIREBROOK NG20 8HN	£	2,782.41	30295694	£ 2,782.41
				£	6,008.92	<u>-</u>	