

**Bolsover District Council****Executive****3<sup>rd</sup> October 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 £6,303.93 as itemised on the attached schedules.

**1 Report Details**

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

<b>Bankruptcy/ Liquidation</b>		
No of Accounts	Type of Account	
1	Business Rates	£6,303.93
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,303.93</b>

- 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 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 £6,303.93 with the proviso that should any of the debts become collectable the amounts be re-debited.

### **7 Decision Information**

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (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
<b>District Wards Affected</b>	N/A
<b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b>	Strategic Organisational Development - Continually improving our organisation

**8 Document Information**

<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
1	Business Rates – Amounts for Write Off - Liquidation
<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)	
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