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## TO: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR RESOURCES WHICH WILL BE HELD IN REGENERATION MEETING ROOM, COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN - COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN. SA31 1JP., AT 10.00 AM, ON FRIDAY, 10TH MAY, 2019 FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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# AGENDA

## 1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

## 2. DECISIONS RECORD:-

- a. 7TH MARCH, 2019 3 - 6
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## 3. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION

FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE AND FOLLOWING THE APPLICATION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER MAY CONSIDER THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS NOT FOR PUBLICATION AS IT CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 14 OF PART 4 OF SCHEDULE 12A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) (WALES) ORDER 2007

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*Note:- The press and public are not be entitled to attend the meeting. The decision record will be published normally within 3 working days.*

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR RESOURCES

THURSDAY, 7 March 2019

**PRESENT: Councillor:** D.M. Jenkins (Executive Board Member – Resources).

**The following officers were in attendance:**

A Thomas, Benefits and Council Tax Manager

L. Jenkins, Democratic Services Officer

Democratic Services Committee Room, - County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP. 10.00 - 10.45 am

**1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

There were no declarations of personal interest.

**2. DECISION RECORD FOR 14TH JANUARY 2019**

**RESOLVED** that the decision record of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 be signed as a correct record.

**3. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

**RESOLVED** pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**4. NON-DOMESTIC RATES - DISCRETIONARY DISCOUNT**

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 3 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report included personal data relating to former council tenants, including details of their rent arrears. The publication of individual debts was unwarranted and would prejudice the rights and freedoms of the relevant data subjects. Accordingly, the public interest in disclosure was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality.

The Executive Board Member considered applications for Discretionary Reduction or Remission of Business Rates under the provisions of Section 47 of Local Government (Finance) Act 1988 as amended.

**RESOLVED** that a discretionary discount amounting to the remaining balance be awarded to Applicant 1 and a sum of £1,098.41 for Applicant 2.

## **5. IRRECOVERABLE ACCOUNTS - COUNCIL TAX**

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute 3 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report included personal data relating to former council tenants, including details of their rent arrears. The publication of individual debts was unwarranted and would prejudice the rights and freedoms of the relevant data subjects. Accordingly, the public interest in disclosure was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality.

The Executive Board Member considered a report which contained a detailed schedule of Council Tax accounts which had been identified as being irrecoverable. Recovery procedures, where appropriate, had been exhausted and there was no likelihood of payment being secured. It was therefore considered appropriate to write-off those accounts.

**RESOLVED** that the Council Tax arrears detailed within the report be written-off as irrecoverable

## **6. IRRECOVERABLE ACCOUNTS - NON-DOMESTIC RATES**

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute 3 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained information about the individual ratepayer's recent financial history and/or personal information. Although public disclosure of the report would promote accountability for public finances, it would release confidential financial information. Accordingly, the public interest in disclosure was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality.

The Executive Board Member considered a report which contained a detailed schedule of Non-Domestic Rates which had been identified as being irrecoverable. Recovery procedures, where appropriate, had been exhausted and there was no likelihood of payment being secured. It was therefore considered appropriate to write-off those accounts.

**RESOLVED** that the Non-domestic Rates arrears detailed within the report be written-off as irrecoverable

## **7. IRRECOVERABLE ACCOUNTS**

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute 3 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained information about the individual ratepayer's recent financial history and/or personal information. Although public disclosure of the report would promote accountability for public finances, it would release confidential financial information. Accordingly, the public interest in disclosure was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality.

The Executive Board Member considered a report which contained a detailed schedule of Sundry Debtors which had been identified as being irrecoverable. Recovery procedures, where appropriate, had been exhausted and there was no likelihood of payment being secured. It was therefore considered appropriate to write-off those accounts.

**RESOLVED that the irrecoverable arrears detailed within the report be written-off as irrecoverable**

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER**

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**DATE**

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# Agenda Item 2.2

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR RESOURCES

**MONDAY**, 25 March 2019

**PRESENT: Councillor:** D.M. Jenkins (Executive Board Member).

**The following officers were in attendance:**

S. Jones, Tenancy Support Lead  
K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer

Democratic Services Committee Room, - County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP. - 2.00 - 3.10 pm

**1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

There were no declarations of personal interest.

**2. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

**RESOLVED** pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**3. FORMER TENANT DEBT WRITE-OFF**

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 2 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report included personal data relating to former council tenants, including details of their rent arrears. The publication of individual debts was unwarranted and would prejudice the rights and freedoms of the relevant data subjects. Accordingly, the public interest in disclosure was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality.

The Executive Board Member considered a report prepared in accordance with the Council's Procedure Rules, providing the current position on former tenant debt and seeking the write-off of former tenant debts in excess of £1,500.

The Executive Board Member noted that the cases outlined in the report were long-standing cases and that unsuccessful attempts had been made to either trace the former tenants and recover the sum outstanding or both. He considered the individual reports for each of the former tenants detailing the reasons why write-off was being sought which included personal circumstances and that some of the debts were statute barred

**RESOLVED** that the former tenant debt arrears detailed within the report be written-off as irrecoverable.

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER**

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**DATE**



# Agenda Item 4

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