

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 14th 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 REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION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as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.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).

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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

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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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE