

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR RESOURCES

Wednesday, 29 March 2017

PRESENT: Councillor D.M. Jenkins (Chair)

The following Officers were in attendance:

L. James - Housing Services Manager

M. Hughes - Democratic Services Officer

Room 72A, County Hall, Carmarthen - 10.05 - 10.25 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH MARCH 2017

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 9th March 2017, be signed as a correct record.

3. REPORT NOT FOR PUBLICATION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as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007 that the following item was not for publication as the report contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

4. FORMER TENANT DEBT WRITE-OFF

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 prepared in accordance with the Council's Procedure Rules, seeking the write-off of former tenant debts in excess of £1,500. It was noted that the Former Tenant Arrears Policy clearly detailed the criteria which needed to be met when determining whether it was uneconomical to pursue a former tenant debt any further.

The Executive Board Member noted that the Authority had introduced a number of new initiatives to seek and reduce debt arrears in the future through supporting new and prospective tenants by providing them with financial and budgeting advice.

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

CHAIR

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