

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR RESOURCES

THURSDAY, 8 March 2018

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

The following officers were in attendance:

L. James, Partnership and Engagement Manager

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Democratic Services Committee Room, County Hall, Carmarthen - County Hall,
Carmarthen - 11.00 - 11.20 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. DECISION - 16TH FEBRUARY 2018

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 16th February 2018 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 REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION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as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.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. 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. 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. The report provided the current position on former tenant debt and, as requested at the last meeting, full details of action taken to recover the debt if over 3 years.

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 tenant and recover the sum outstanding or both.

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE