

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 REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION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as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE