

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR RESOURCES

TUESDAY, 15 March 2022

PRESENT: Councillor: D.M. Jenkins (Cabinet Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

S. Jones, Tenancy Support Lead

A Thomas, Benefits and Council Tax Manager

K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting - 10.00 - 11.45 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST DECEMBER 2021

RESOLVED that the decision record for the meeting held on the 21st December 2021 be signed as a correct record.

3. IRRECOVERABLE ACCOUNTS

The Cabinet Member for Resources considered a report seeking approval for the write off of sundry debts in the sum of £12,437.86 owed to the Council by WRW Construction Ltd, which was in administration having gone bankrupt on the 12th July 2021.

RESOLVED that the sundry debt in the sum of £12,437.86 owed to the Council by WRW Construction Ltd be written off.

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 REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION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as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation)(Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

5. NON-DOMESTIC RATES - HARDSHIP RELIEF

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 the report contained information about the individual ratepayer's recent financial history and/or personal information and maintaining the exemption under paragraph 14 of

Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information contained in this report as disclosure would unjustifiably reveal confidential information about the business in question putting them at a competitive disadvantage.

The Cabinet Member considered applications for Hardship Relief under the provisions of Section 49 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 as amended.

RESOLVED

- 5.1 That the application reference 80028047-3 be granted;**
- 5.2 That consideration of application reference 80024124-6 be deferred in order for additional information to be sought.**

6. 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. 4 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 12 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 rents is unwarranted and would prejudice the rights and freedoms of the relevant data subjects. Accordingly, the public interest test in disclosure is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality.

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

The Cabinet Member noted the cases outlined in the report and considered the individual reports for each of the current and former tenants detailing the reasons why write-off was being sought which included personal circumstances.

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

CABINET MEMBER

DATE