



To: Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources:  
Councillor George Owers

Report by: Head Of Finance

Relevant scrutiny committee: Strategy & Resources  
19/1/2015  
Scrutiny  
Committee

Wards affected: Abbey Arbury Castle Cherry Hinton Coleridge  
East Chesterton King's Hedges Market Newnham  
Petersfield Queen Edith's Romsey Trumpington  
West Chesterton

## **GENERAL DEBTS - BAD DEBTS FOR WRITE-OFF**

### **Not a Key Decision**

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### **1. Executive summary**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Executive Councillor and Members of the Scrutiny Committee of amounts that are deemed not to be collectable and require passing for write-off. The amounts relate to general income.

This report outlines the items recommended for write-off in the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

### **2. Recommendations**

The Executive Councillor is recommended to write-off 2 debts totalling £26,398.45 as summarised in the exempt 'Appendix A' to this report.

### **3. Background**

Officers have concluded that there is no further practicable recovery action available to the Council for the recovery of this amount.

## **4. Implications**

### **(a) Financial Implications**

The Council maintains a provision for the write off of bad debts as a consequence of such circumstances as insolvency of a customer. In some cases bad debts are written back to the originating service provider's budget and may result in a variance at the year-end.

Provision for the £22,747.55 doubtful debt (detailed in Exempt Appendix A) was made in the Housing Revenue Account in 2013/14, as part of the year end closedown process.

### **(b) Staffing Implications (if not covered in Consultations Section)**

N/A

### **(c) Equality and Poverty Implications**

No

### **(d) Environmental Implications**

N/A

### **(e) Procurement**

N/A

### **(f) Consultation and communication**

N/A

### **(g) Community Safety**

N/A

## **5. Background papers**

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

N/A

## **6. Appendices**

Exempt Appendix A: Schedule of debts to be written off

## **7. Inspection of papers**

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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