

Committee: Cabinet

Agenda Item

Date: 14 July 2016

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Title: Council Tax write off recovered

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Simon Howell

Item for decision:
Yes

Summary

1. The claimants was overpaid Housing Benefit for the period September 2012 to July 2014, due to failure to declare all their income.
2. The total value of the overpayment was £7,934.14 of which the Revenues Team recovered £279.07 from reducing their ongoing benefit entitlements.
3. Due to a change in circumstance the claimants were not eligible for Housing Benefit from the 17th November 2015.
4. The claimants had a meeting with their creditors on the 29th February 2016 and were approved for an Individual Voluntary Agreement (IVA).
5. The IVA prevents the council from pursuing recovery of the debt outstanding outside of the IVA agreement.
6. If the IVA succeeds it is expected that we should receive full recovery of monies within 6 years.

Recommendations

7. To approve to write off the debt of £7,655.07

Financial Implications

8. This will reduce debtors within the Balance sheet and will be accounted for as a cost within the General Fund revenue budget.

Background Papers

9. None

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	N/A
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	N/A
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	
Sustainability	N/A
Ward-specific impacts	N/A
Workforce/Workplace	N/A

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Additional cost to the General Fund	1 – Amount is not material	1 – the amount owing is so low this will have no significant impact	None

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.