MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Decision Made: 26 October 2022

<u>1st Quarter Finance, Performance and Risk Monitoring Report</u> 2022/23

Issue for Decision

To write-off the irrecoverable Housing Benefits overpayment (£34,124) listed at Appendix 5 to the report.

Decision Made

That the irrecoverable Housing Benefits overpayment (£34,124), listed at Appendix 5 to the report, be written off.

Reasons for Decision

The Executive considered the 1^{st} Quarter Finance, Performance and Risk Monitoring Report 2022/23. As part of its consideration of the report, the Executive was asked to write-off the irrecoverable Housing Benefits overpayment (£34,124) listed at Appendix 5 as all reasonable debt recovery has taken place.

Consultation Results and Previous Committee Feedback

This issue was considered by the Corporate Services Policy Advisory Committee on 12 October 2022 as part of the $1^{\rm st}$ Quarter Finance, Performance and Risk Monitoring Report 2022/23, and the Committee supported the recommendation to write off the debt.

Alternatives Considered and Why Rejected

That further action be taken to recover the Housing Benefits overpayment (£34,124) listed at Appendix 5 to the report. However, this would not be appropriate as it is considered that all reasonable debt recovery has taken place.

Background Papers

None

I have read and approved the above decision for the reasons (including possible
alternative options rejected) as set out above.
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Signed:
Leader of the Council - Councillor David Burton

Full details of the report for the decision and any consideration by the relevant Policy Advisory Committee can be found at the following area of the website.

Call-In: Should you be concerned about this decision and wish to call it in, please submit a call-in form signed by any three Members to the Proper Officer by: **5pm 4 November 2022**