

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER SERVICES

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1. Irrecoverables

1.1 Issue for Decision

- 1.1.1 Approval is sought to write off an amount of £60,620.56 in respect of four non domestic rate debts.

1.2 Recommendation of Assistant Director of Customer Services

- 1.2.1 That the following amounts, together with those shown on the attached Exempt Appendix are written off:

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| Tiger Logistics Ltd | 17,905.93 |
| Acton Farm Ltd | 17,139.19 |
| Individual (see exempt appendix) | 11,725.94 |
| Individual (see exempt appendix) | <u>13,849.50</u> |
| | <u>60,620.56</u> |

- 1.2.2 Tiger Logistics Ltd – 3158917 – The company traded from Unit 7, Pattenden Lane, Marden, Tonbridge for the period 1 April 2008 to 10 June 2009. Appropriate recovery action was taken, but the company ceased trading and the company was placed into Liquidation. The Liquidator has advised that there will be no funds available for unsecured creditors.

- 1.2.3 Acton Farm Ltd – 3189502 – The company traded from Unit 246/247 Water lane, Chequers Centre, King Street, Maidstone for the period 21 January 2008 to 18 September 2008. Appropriate recovery action was taken, but the company ceased trading and the company was placed into Liquidation. The Liquidator has advised that there will be no funds available for unsecured creditors.

1.3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 1.3.1 The reasons for each of the cases are either listed above or contained in the exempt appendix.

1.4 Alternative Action and why not Recommended

1.4.1 The debts could be left on the system, but this would serve no useful purpose and maintain the arrears at an artificially high level.

1.5 Impact on Corporate Objectives

1.5.1 None

1.6 Risk Management

1.6.1 There are no risks involved in this process as it is considered that there are no alternative actions that can be taken.

1.7 Other Implications [Insert an 'X' in the boxes below to indicate if the recommendations will have any implications in the specified area]

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| 1. | Financial | X |
| 2. | Staffing | |
| 3. | Legal | |
| 4. | Equality Impact Needs Assessment | |
| 5. | Environmental/Sustainable Development | |
| 6. | Community Safety | |
| 7. | Human Rights Act | |
| 8. | Procurement | |
| 9. | Asset Management | |

1.7.2 The financial details are listed above.

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| Is this a Key Decision? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, when did it appear in the Forward Plan? _____ | | | | |
| Is this an Urgent Key Decision? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Reason for Urgency</u> | | | | |

How to Comment

Should you have any comments on the issue that is being considered please contact either the relevant Officer or the Member of the Executive who will be taking the decision.

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