

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Decision Made: 6 November 2009

Irrecoverables

Issue for Decision

To consider writing off an amount of £163,147.21 in respect of seven non domestic rate debts.

Decision Made

That the following amounts be written off:

Madhouse UK Ltd	15,788.45
Jet Star Retail Ltd	24,548.10
Casual Dining Holdings Ltd	49,153.81
Poundsound (UK) Ltd	14,350.00
Widor Ltd	10,755.97
Individual (see exempt appendix)	17,737.18
Individual (see exempt appendix)	<u>30,813.70</u>
	<u>163,147.21</u>

Reasons for Decision

The reasons for each of the cases are either listed below or in the Exempt Appendix to the Report of the Assistant Director of Customer Services.

Madhouse UK Ltd – 3194306 – The company traded from 86-88 Week Street, Maidstone for the period 22 September 2008 to 29 January 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.

Jet Star Retail Ltd – 3191355 – The company traded from Unit 205/205A Water lane, Chequers Centre, King Street, Maidstone for the period 24 May 2008 to 24 November 2008. Appropriate recovery action was taken, but the company ceased trading and an Administrator was appointed. There are neither funds nor goods upon which we could levy distress and the Administrator has advised that there will be no funds available for unsecured creditors.

Casual Dining Holdings Ltd – 3167481 – The company traded as “Coolfresh” from Detling Aerodrome, Detling, Maidstone for the period 31 March 2005 to 14 February 2006. 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.

Poundsound (UK) Ltd – 3167472 – The company traded from 55 Week Street, Maidstone for the period 8 September 2005 to 7 January 2006. Appropriate recovery action was taken, but the company ceased trading and is to be struck off the companies register.

Widor Ltd – 318649X – The company traded from 37 High Street, Maidstone for the period 24 September 2007 to 30 August 2009. Appropriate recovery action was taken, but the company ceased trading and there are no funds available to settle any debts. Company is to be dissolved.

Alternatives considered and why rejected

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

Background Papers

None

Should you be concerned about this decision and wish to call it in, please submit a call in form signed by any two Non-Executive Members to the Scrutiny Manager by: 13 November 2009.
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