

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILCABINET24 March 2016Report by Deputy Chief ExecutiveWRITE-OFF OF IRRECOVERABLE SUNDRY DEBTOR INCOME**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To seek approval to write-off £143,635.68 of irrecoverable sundry debtor income.

RECOMMENDATION

2. It is recommended that the Cabinet approves the write-off of irrecoverable sundry debtor income of £143,635.68 without prejudice to subsequent recovery action.

REPORT**REASONS FOR WRITE-OFF**

3. The main reasons for seeking approval for write-off together with amounts for each reason are shown below:

	£
Sheriff Officer Reports Low likelihood of recovery	38,850.32
Small balances uneconomic to pursue	63.06
Debt now prescribed and cannot be pursued	104,722.30
	<u>£143,635.68</u>

LEVEL OF COLLECTION

4. The normal annual income recorded through the sundry debtor's system is £16m and the sum recommended to be written off represents less than 1% of this sum. Last year the Cabinet approved write offs totalling £54,362.40 which was a lower value than the previous years had been. The approved write off level in March 2014 was £96,893.46, and in March 2013 was £178,584.27. The value for 2015/16 has increased on 2014/15 levels due to 27 historic debts having been identified by legal services as now being prescribed, and there is now no legal avenue to pursue these charges. Although the value for 2015/16 is higher than 2014/15, it is typical of the level of accounts approved for write off in recent years.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

5. There are no specific implications for property, staffing, IT, legal issues or sustainability.

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