

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION-MAKING

RECORD OF DECISION

PART A

DETAILS OF REPORT <i>(Officers to complete this section prior to issuing to cabinet member)</i>	
Title of report	Housing benefit overpayment write-offs over £5,000 and under £50,000
Decision-maker	Cabinet Member for Equalities, Democracy and Finance
Earliest date when decision can be taken	20 August 2024
Key decision – Yes/No?	Yes
Date published on forward plan	1 July 2024
Date sent to cabinet member	12 August 2024
Recommendation	That the Cabinet Member for Equalities, Democracy and Finance approves the write-off of the debts detailed in Appendix 1 of the closed report totalling £1,020,338.17 (multiple write-offs).

ORIGINATING AUTHOR’S DETAILS <i>(Officers to complete this section prior to issuing to cabinet member)</i>	
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PART B

(Cabinet member to complete this section)

DECISION(S)

Agree with recommendations

REASONS FOR DECISION

As set out in report

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS
CONSIDERED**

None

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

None

ADDITIONAL ADVICE RECEIVED

None

ANY INTERESTS DECLARED

Note: If the decision-maker has a disclosable pecuniary interest in the matter the report must be referred to the full cabinet for decision.

Where a cabinet member may discharge a function alone and becomes aware of a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter being dealt with or to be dealt with by her/him, the cabinet member must notify the monitoring officer of the interest within 28 days and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter.

If a member is unsure as to whether an interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest they should contact the governance team for advice.

None

DECLARATION

I approve/~~reject~~ the recommendations set out in the report.*

or

~~I approved an alternative course of action set out in Part B.*~~

or

~~I have referred this matter to the Full Cabinet for decision.*~~

(* - Please delete as appropriate)



Signed..... Dated.....20/08/2024.....

Cabinet Member for Equalities, Democracy and Finance

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Seeking advice

You should seek advice from the relevant officer on a number of occasions:

- (a) If you wish to consider alternative options
- (b) If you are considering rejecting the proposals

Otherwise it is at your discretion when you should seek further advice and you should do so when you consider it appropriate.