

North East Derbyshire District Council

Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee

11 May 2022

Corporate Debt as at 31 March 2022

Report of the Assistant Director – Finance & Resources (S151 Officer)

Classification: This report is public

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(S151 Officer)

Contact Officer: as above

PURPOSE/SUMMARY

- To present to Members of the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee a summary of the corporate debt position at 31 March 2022.
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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee note the report concerning the Council's corporate debt position as at 31 March 2022.
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IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk

Yes ✓ No

Appendix 1 details the current position regarding corporate debt.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal including Data Protection

Yes No ✓

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing

Yes No ✓

There are no staffing issues arising directly from this report.

On Behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: <i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Capital - £150,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Capital - £250,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	N/A
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	N/A
Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed	N/A
District Wards Affected	All
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	All

REPORT DETAILS

1 Corporate Debt Position

- 1.1 This report updates Members of the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee on the current position in relation to corporate debt.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 contains details of the debt position in relation to sundry debtors, overpaid housing benefits and rents.

2 Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 To ensure the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee are informed of the latest position concerning the Council's debt.

3 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 3.1 There are no alternative options for consideration.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Corporate Debt as at 31 March 2022

Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)

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APPENDIX 1: TABLE 1

Aged Debt Reporting – Sundry Debtors

Debt Outstanding as at	Current Debt	90 – 365 Days	1 to 2 years	2 – 3 years	3 – 4 years	4 – 5 years	5+ years	Total	Write Offs
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Average Debt 2015/16	972	201	76	27	23	33	25	1357	14
Average Debt 2016/17	1551	104	68	49	16	21	32	1839	58
Average Debt 2017/18	781	71	43	21	19	9	26	970	11
Average Debt 2018/19	852	64	112	19	9	10	24	1090	41
Average Debt 2019/20	605	39	22	22	16	7	24	871	3
Average Debt 2020/21	1,954	216	32	25	12	23	25	2,287	9
Average Debt 2021/22	1,096	171	95	25	8	4	34	1,433	40

APPENDIX 1: TABLE 2

Aged Debt Reporting – Overpaid Housing Benefits

Debt Outstanding as at	Current Debt	90 to 365 days	1 to 2 years	2 – 3 years	3 – 4 years	4 – 5 years	Over 5 years	Total	Write offs
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Average Debt 2015/16	182	336	263	172	160	133	209	1,445	76
Average Debt 2016/17	173	332	346	203	123	128	241	1,546	144
Average Debt 2017/18	141	318	322	256	157	105	283	1,582	89
Average Debt 2018/19	104	263	291	253	201	138	340	1,589	38
Average Debt 2019/20	75	137	259	247	212	173	425	1,527	68
Average Debt 2020/21	59	95	146	194	223	186	622	1,525	10
Average Debt 2021/22	91	62	135	133	173	181	760	1,535	0

HRA total Indebtedness

Debt Outstanding as at	Total	Write Offs in Year
	£000	£000
Average Debt 2015/16	2,203	266
Average Debt 2016/17	2,023	178
Average Debt 2017/18	2,028	203
Average Debt 2018/19	1,807	162
Average Debt 2019/20	1,928	208
Average Debt 2020/21	1,938	116
Average Debt 2021/22	1,785	158

SUMMARY OF PROVISION FOR DOUBTFUL DEBTS 2021/22

	General Fund Sundry Debtors	Over Paid Housing Benefit	HRA Rents	Total
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Balance B/Fwd	(229)	(1,374)	(1,147)	(2,750)
Write offs in current financial year	40	0	158	198
Actual increase in provision	0	0	0	0
Provision C/Fwd	(189)	(1,374)	(989)	(2,552)
Current Debt position	1,433	1,535	1,785	4,753
Percentage Coverage	13%	90%	55%	54%