

**North East Derbyshire**

**Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee**

**28 April 2021**

**Title Corporate Debt – as at 31 March 2021**

**Report of the Head of Finance and Resources**

**Classification:** This report is public

**Report By:** Jayne Dethick

**Contact Officer:** Jayne Dethick

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**PURPOSE / SUMMARY**

To present to Members of the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee a summary of the corporate debt position at 31 March 2021.

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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 2021.

Approved by the Portfolio Holder – N/A

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**IMPLICATIONS**

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**Finance and Risk:** Yes  No

**Details:**

Appendix 1 details the current position regarding corporate debt. The impact of the pandemic on our customers' needs to be taken into account this year (and future years) and is likely to impact on the Council's ability to collect this debt. This may have a detrimental impact on the Council's financial position and is being closely monitored.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

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**Legal (including Data Protection):** Yes  No

**Details:**

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On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

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**Staffing:** Yes  No

**Details:**

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On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

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## DECISION INFORMATION

| Decision Information   |   |
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| <b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b><br>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:<br><br><b>BDC:</b><br>Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>NEDDC:</b><br>Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i> | No  |
| <b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b><br>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)  | No  |
| <b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>   | None  |
| <b>Consultation:</b><br>Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet / Executive <input type="checkbox"/><br>SAMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/><br>Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>  | No<br><br>Details:<br><a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a> |

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| <b>Links to Council Ambition (BDC)/Council Plan (NED) priorities or Policy Framework including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.</b> |
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## REPORT DETAILS

### 1 **Background** *(reasons for bringing the report)*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to Members of the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee a summary of the corporate debt position at 31 March 2021.

### 2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 To update Members of the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee on the position regarding corporate debt.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 of this report details the debt position with regard to sundry debtors, overpaid housing benefit and rents.
- 2.3 During the early months of the pandemic, in line with Government guidance, the Council did not take any recovery action. The Council has now commenced first stage recovery, issuing of reminders and re-engaging with our customers about payment, offering support where needed. Recovery has continued on this basis throughout the latest national lockdown and further consideration will be given to next steps as the recovery hopefully begins.

### 3 **Reasons for Recommendation**

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

### 4 **Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 This report is for information only

## DOCUMENT INFORMATION

| Appendix No  | Title |
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| <b>Background Papers</b> (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) |       |

