



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Outstanding Accounts
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Relevant Background Information

The Development Department currently receives around £9m of external income per year. This includes grant income, rent of Council property and fees and charges.

Key Issues

Inevitably, a number of debtors who receive services fail to pay. This is despite the Central Transactions Unit having implemented the Council's procedures for the recovery of outstanding debt.

The amounts being recommended to Committee for write off total £9,058.75. These bad debts are caused by companies entering administration or individuals going bankrupt, and one case of a company moving premises and being untraceable. The advice from the Central Transactions Unit and from Legal Services is that it is very unlikely that the Council will receive payment.

The total amount recommended for write off represents 0.1% of the Department's estimated annual income.

Resource Implications

There is a financial write off of £9,058.75

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to authorise that the outstanding accounts listed within the attached appendix 1 are written off, in accordance with Section K12 of the Council's Financial Regulations.

Decision Tracking

If approved by Committee, the Central Transactions Unit will be authorised to write off the debts.

Timeline: January 2011

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Documents Attached

Appendix 1 - List of debtors.