

**EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE**

26th June 2012

**Appendix 3**

**Write off of Overpaid Housing Benefit  
1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012**

<b>Housing Benefit Write-Offs 2011/12</b>		
<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount £</b>	<b>No. of cases</b>
Possible Write back	9,774.76	7
Deceased	4,057.89	25
Debt Relief Order	3,731.24	7
Bankruptcy	3,119.94	4
Person Abroad	2,335.81	4
Hardship/Compassion	2,133.02	2
Not reasonable to recover	2,038.57	5
Uneconomic to recover	1,185.61	22
Debt matching	269.56	1
Cannot trace	234.50	2
No prospect of recovery	34.00	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£28,914.90</b>	<b>80</b>

**Level of Overpaid Housing Benefit.**

	<b>£</b>	<b>Linked to weekly recovery from ongoing HB £</b>
Outstanding overpaid HB at start of year	1,272,373	220,891
Overpayments identified during year	672,466	
Overpayments recovered during the year	554,034	274,170
Outstanding overpaid HB at end of year	1,390,805	
Total HB expenditure 2011/12	23,138,270	