

# Cabinet Member for Resources

## Agenda

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**Date:** Monday, 14th May, 2012  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Venue:** Committee Suite 1 & 2, Westfields, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

### **PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda

3. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the meeting on any matter relevant to the work of the meeting. Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers. Members of the public are not required to give notice to use this facility. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours' notice is encouraged.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question at the meeting should provide at least three clear working days' notice in writing and should include the question with that notice. This will enable an informed answer to be given.

4. **National Non-Domestic Rate Write-Off** (Pages 1 - 2)

To seek authorisation for a National Non-Domestic Rate debt write-off in accordance with the Finance & Contract Procedure Rules.

### **THERE ARE NO PART 2 ITEMS**

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## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

### **Cabinet Member for Resources**

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**Date of Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
**Report of:** Director of Finance & Business Services  
**Subject/Title:** National Non-Domestic Rate Write-Off  
**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor Michael Jones

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#### **1.0 Report Summary**

- 1.1 This report notifies the Portfolio Holder of a National Non-Domestic Rate (NNDR) debt and requests authorisation for write-off in accordance with section D16 of the Finance & Contract Procedure Rules.

#### **2.0 Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 That an amount of £60,599.50 be authorised for write-off in respect of National Non-Domestic Rate in respect of Millvale Properties Ltd, formerly trading from Unit K3, Buglawton Park, Bridge Row, Congleton.

#### **3.0 Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

- 3.1 Write-offs in excess of £50,000 require Cabinet Member approval in accordance with section D16 of the Finance & Contract Procedure Rules.

#### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1 N/a

#### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 N/a

#### **6.0 Policy Implications (including carbon reduction and health)**

- 6.1 N/a

#### **7.0 Financial Implications (authorised by Director of Finance and Business Services)**

- 7.1 No impact for Cheshire East. An allowance is claimed for losses in collection, including write-offs, against the Council's contribution to the central pool.

#### **8.0 Legal Implications (authorised by Borough Solicitor)**

- 8.1 N/a

## **9.0 Risk Management Implications**

9.1 N/a

## **10.0 Background and Options**

10.1 Millvale Properties traded from 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008 to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010. No payments were made by the company during its occupation of the property. Cheshire East Council instructed bailiffs to execute court orders in order to recover the outstanding amount. This action was unsuccessful. The company was dissolved on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010. As no further debt recovery action is possible the options are:

- a) Write-off the debt
- b) The debt remains outstanding against the NNDR account.

## **11.0 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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