

Summary of Write Off's

Debts written off in 2021/22

Period 1 April 2021 – 30 November 2021 relating to any year

Write Offs	Council Tax £	Business Rates £	Housing Benefit Overpayment £	Adult Services £	Miscellaneous Income £	HRA (Care Line/Service Charges) £	Parking £	Libraries £	HRA Tenants £
Under £5k	123,807.20	30,958.40	84,134	51,759.53	72,118.60	561.12	210,435	5,092	119,269.20
£5k-£25k	0.00	116,361.85	64,923	53,054.16	27,032.00	0	0.00	0.00	6,547.77
Over £25k	0.00	172,768.70	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	
Total	123,807.20	320,088.95	149,057	104,813.69	99,150.60	561.12	210,435	5,092	125,816.97

No Write off's greater than £25,000 are required for this period.

Amount to write off		Service Area
£29,107.59	<p><u>Victoria Shoes Limited</u></p> <p>Non-Domestic Rates debt to be written off as company was dissolved on 14th September 2021.</p> <p>Debt relates to the period 1st April 2019 until 21st October 2021 which covers three financial years.</p> <p>For the 2019 financial year a debt of £7,581.30 remains due. The Council have made attempts to collect this debt, and a summons was issued for non-payment with a liability order obtained on 11th July 2019 for £14,625.00.</p> <p>following the commencement of the COVID pandemic in March 2020 the debt was placed on hold with the enforcement agent</p> <p>The debt has been passed to an enforcement agent for collection and some payment has been received, although following the commencement of the COVID pandemic in March 2020 the debt was placed on hold with no action being taken.</p>	Business Rates

	<p>With the company ceasing trading in March 2019, limited action is available to the authority following the return to action in July 2021 and shortly after the company has been dissolved rendering the debt uncollectable.</p> <p>Debts remain for the account for the 2020 financial year in the sum of £13,800.00 and £7,726.29 in the current financial year.</p> <p>The account for the company has ceased effective from 21st October 2021 despite the company being dissolved earlier as this is the date the treasury solicitor has disclaimed the lease back to the landlord.</p>	<p>Business Rates</p>
<p>£32,742.90</p>	<p><u>Homemade Surrey Ltd</u></p> <p>Company made liable following a licence provided by the landlord of the property confirming occupation of the premises by the company effective from 10th October 2019.</p> <p>Correspondence has been issued to the registered office of the company, and following the return of this confirming that the company have no connection to the property, the case has been investigated by the fraud team here in Southend who have exhausted all avenues of enquiry without success and therefore no update to the account could be made.</p> <p>The Council obtained a liability order on 6th March 2020 for the debt, but prior to commencing enforcement action against the company for non-payment, the Council opted to hold all recovery action during the period of the Covid pandemic from March 2020 through until July 2021.</p> <p>At the time of action re-commencing, we had been notified of the company vacating the property in September 2020 therefore no immediate action, such as enforcement action could be taken in respect of the account, as there was no active trading address to visit.</p> <p>The company had entered into the process of being dissolved at this stage in any event with the official notice confirming dissolution on 24th August 2021 rendering the debt uncollectable.</p> <p>The total debt outstanding being £32,742.90 with a yearly breakdown as follows: 10th October 2019 to 31st March 2020 - £18,182.46 1st April 2020 – 23rd September 2020 - £14,560.44</p>	

Non-Domestic Rates debt to be written off as company was dissolved on 4th February 2020. Debt relates to the period 1st September 2018 until 30th April 2019 which is the financial years 2018/19 and 2019/20.

Following investigation and on receipt of significant information an account was created, and a demand was issued for Non-Domestic Rates on 25th September 2018 for the balance of £34,253.00.

A NNDR reminder notice was served on 21st December 2018 for the instalment of £12,695.68. As no monies were received a summons was served on 28th January 2019 and a liability obtained on 20th February 2019. This added costs of £95.00 costs to the account. On the 21st January 2019, we were informed that the property was being emptied of stock but as we did not have a liability order we were unable to take control of goods. An exemption was awarded, and the account closed.

The landlords disputed the end date of the account and supplied information showing James Fashion Limited had a legal responsibility for the property until 30th April 2019. The account was subsequently amended, and a demand was issued on the 23rd January 2020 for the balance of £2,070.83.

Since this date we have on several occasions tried to establish a valid alternative address so we could commence further recovery action. This was to no avail.

The company was then dissolved on 4th February 2020 with no assets to collect the debt.