

**Decisions to be considered by
Full Council on 23 February 2016**

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held
at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 12th January, 2016 at
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE,
STONE CROSS, NORTHALLERTON

Present

Councillor M S Robson (in the Chair)

Councillor	P R Wilkinson Mrs B S Fortune	Councillor	N A Knapton B Phillips
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Also in Attendance

Councillor	P Bardon M A Barningham D M Blades Mrs C S Cookman S P Dickins A W Hall	Councillor	K G Hardisty R W Hudson J Noone Mrs I Sanderson Mrs J Watson
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CA.46 **CORPORATE DEBT POLICY**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report set out the Council's approach to collecting and recovering debt owed to the Council by businesses and residents. A copy of the Corporate Debt Policy was attached as an annex to the report. The Policy applied to Council Tax, Non Domestic Rates and Sundry Debts including Housing Benefit overpayments.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that the Corporate Debt Policy was necessary to enable the Council to collect debts from both businesses and residents. The money collected enabled the Council to provide public services and monies not collected meant fewer resources were available for services.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends that Council:-

- (1) approves the Corporate Debt Policy attached as Annex A to the report;
- (2) adopts the new recovery methods as detailed in paragraph 1.6 of the report; and

- (3) notes that the Write-Off Policy as detailed in paragraph 1.13 of the report is delegated to the S151 Officer, the Executive Director and Deputy Chief Executive.

The meeting closed at 10.00 am

Leader of the Council