

**COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND CUSTOMERS) – 14th June 2017**

**DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY**

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Customers) was presented the Debt Management Policy at the Panel meeting on 14th June 2017.

A concern was raised that once the policy is in place the Council will act more harshly than before and there would not be the flexibility to act on a case by case basis. The Panel was informed that under the Policy, the Council will have the option to offer payment through instalments in certain cases.

The Panel raised a concern that debt will be written off and that the Council will not have a record of it. Members were informed that there is a procedure in place to manage debt before reaching the Section 151 Officer to be written off (or the Executive Councillor for Strategic Resources in the case of debt over £5k).

In regards to when the debt is written off, the Members were content with the explanation that debt is normally written off for accounting purposes and that a record of the debt is kept.