



AGENDA ITEM: 13

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

23rd October 2006

Bad Debt Write Off

**Report by Ken Finch,
Treasurer to the Authority**

Purpose of Report

- 1.** To update members and to seek their approval to write off a bad debt in accordance with the Authority's Financial Regulations.

Background

- 2.** At the last meeting a report was presented to members outlining an outstanding Special Service debt of £2895.20. The company involved had been dissolved on 28th February 2006.
- 3.** Members requested that further enquiries be made to ascertain whether the debt could be recovered from the proceeds following the sale of the site before the Authority resolved to approve the writing off of the debt.

Information

- 4.** The matter has been looked into and the debt was raised against the limited company that owned both the business and the site concerned and therefore no further recovery action can be taken.



Information *(continued)*

5. Whilst considering this matter Members may wish to note that the current limit in Financial Regulations for reporting the write off of bad debts is those above £1000, which was set in 1995. This seems to be very low and, although bad debts are rare in respect of the Fire and Rescue Authority, it is suggested that an increased limit would be appropriate.

Recommendations

6. That Members
 - 6.1 Approve the writing off of the debt as irrecoverable as per Regulation 14.10 of the Authority's Financial Regulations.
 - 6.2 Approve a revised limit of £5000 for reporting the write off bad debts to the Fire Authority and Financial Regulations be amended accordingly.