

**FINANCE AND AUDIT SCRUTINY PANEL
16 MARCH 2011**

Present :- Councillor Dennis Willetts (Chairman)
Councillors Christopher Arnold, Nick Cope,
Scott Greenhill, Sue Lissimore, Colin Mudie and
Colin Sykes

Substitute Members :- Councillor Ray Gamble for Councillor Jon Manning
Councillor Michael Lilley for Councillor Kim Naish
Councillor Philip Oxford for Councillor Gerard Oxford

Also in Attendance :- Councillor Kevin Bentley
Councillor Mike Hardy
Councillor Pauline Hazell
Councillor Martin Hunt
Councillor Ann Quarrie
Councillor Paul Smith

Councillor Colin Mudie (in respect of being a member of the Board of Colchester Borough Homes) declared a personal interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(3)

60. Exclusion of the public

Referred items under the Call in procedure - Irrecoverable debts over £5,000

This item was taken in closed session.

This was in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2006 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended) to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt and/or confidential information (for example confidential personal, financial or legal advice), in Part B of this agenda (printed on yellow paper) can be decided. (Exempt information is defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

Following discussions in closed session, the Panel resolved to:-

- i) Confirm the decision which could be implemented with immediate effect (NINE voted FOR and ONE abstained).
- ii) Request the Head of Resource Management to provide for information to Members of the Panel, the list of Councils with a better record on recovering Business Rates than Colchester.