

Decision Record – Write-off of Irrecoverable Debts – Attendance at WCC Special Schools

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Colin Hayfield Education and Learning
Date of Decision	28/07/2015

Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Education and Learning approves the write-off of the outstanding balance relating to recoupment of fees for children attending Warwickshire County Council special schools.

Reasons for Decisions

This decision is required by the Council's Constitution

Background Information

The debt arose as a result of part payment in relation to fees for children from other counties attending Warwickshire County Council special schools.

It appears as though when the invoice was originally raised in 2005 Solihull MBC were charged the sum of £14,876.00. However they subsequently made a payment of £11,486.12, hence leaving a balance of £3,389.88 still owed.

Records indicate that Solihull MBC did raise a dispute with the WCC Special Educational Needs Service concerning the amount that they had been charged. Some investigation seems to have been carried out by the afore-mentioned service, but the outcome is not clear. It appears that no further action was taken to explain the charges or dispute their stance of withholding monies.

This matter is then further compounded by the fact that the legal limitation period for legitimately taking action for an outstanding debt has now passed.

Financial Implications

£3,389.88. The cost will be met by the Education and Learning Business Unit.

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered - please include link to report

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List of Background Papers

None

Members and officers consulted or informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Colin Hayfield
All Strategic Directors
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