

Arrears Type	2007/8		2008/9 (Part Year)	
	Written-off Director of Finance and ICT	Written-off Portfolio Holder	Written-off Director of Finance and ICT	Written-off Portfolio Holder
	£	£	£	£
Housing Benefit	2,732 (17)	38,753 (8)	33,438 (91)	30,571 (17)
NNDR	10,359 (33)	41,389 (21)	14,450 (26)	7,805 (2)
Council Tax	267,559 (924)	65,389 (72)	173,967 (688)	Nil (0)
Sundry Debtors	46,887 (132)	18,652 (6)	4,077 (92)	2,586 (1)
Housing Rents	40,666 (219)	68,428 (37)	33,154 (148)	12,771 (4)

Figures in brackets are the number of individual cases giving rise to the totals and will be reported at the Overview and Scrutiny meeting.

6. It will be seen from the table that, with Housing Benefit, NNDR, Sundry Debtors and Housing Rents the proportion of write-offs by the Directors of Finance and ICT and Housing has increased over the two years. The exception is Council Tax arrears where, to date in 2008/9, no write-offs have needed to be submitted to the Portfolio Holder primarily because only Council Tax arrears in the "H" banding are greater than £2,500.
7. The Directors of Finance and ICT and Housing report that there have been no problems in operating under the new delegation arrangements.
8. We therefore recommend that the delegation limit of £2,500 should be retained on a permanent basis. No case is seen for seeking a higher delegation limit.