

8. DEBTOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Audit and Risk Committee with an update of the Council's outstanding debtors.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Audit and Risk Committee has requested a quarterly report on the Council's debtors. This report is attached as Appendix 1. The last report tabled was for June 2007. No report was prepared for September as this Committee did not meet in October.
3. The total of trade debtors has increased by 5% since June but there have been significant increases in the 183+ day balances for two of the eight categories. Resource Management Consents have increased from \$294k to \$436k due to appeals pending and SAP Debtors from \$226k to \$612k. For both categories a staff shortage within the Planning Department has delayed processing of the appeals.
4. Total rates debtors have increased from \$4.4m to \$145.7m. Of this \$134.8 is not yet due. The current year total of \$8.7m includes November and December invoicing some of which is also not yet due. Full prior year comparatives are not available in this format as the first reports were prepared in April 2007, however, the comparative previous year's total at December 2006 was \$2.2m as against \$1.9m in 2007.
5. The building consent debt at 183 days and not yet payable relates to fees levied for consents not yet issued. A customer has up to 12 months to uplift a building consent and certain fees such as Reserve Fund Contributions are payable only if the consent is issued.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no legal implications.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the report be received.