



AGENDA ITEM: 12

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

19th June 2006

BAD DEBT WRITE OFF

Report by Ken Finch, Treasurer to the Authority

1. Purpose of Report

To seek members' approval to write off a bad debt in accordance with Financial Regulations.

2. Background

On 13th January 2004 North Wales Fire and Rescue Service (NWFRS) attended a chemical spillage incident at a derelict warehouse in Abergele, the site of a former tannery. On investigation it was discovered that the unsecured site had been entered by children who had disturbed chemical drums, the contents of which had then found its way into a nearby stream. Local people walking along the path next to the stream reported a strong smell in the vicinity which resulted in a Special Service attendance by the Service.

3. Information

This Special Service call resulted in a charge to the owner of the company amounting to £2895.20.



3. Information *(continued)*

Extensive work was undertaken through all available avenues with a view to recovering the debt, but on 28th February 2006 the company was dissolved.

As the debt to the Authority is still outstanding, in accordance with the Authority's Financial Regulations – Regulation 14.10 "Debts in excess of £1,000 for write-off must be submitted to NWFA." for approval.

4. Recommendation

That members approve the writing off of the debt as irrecoverable.