

APPENDIX B

Revenue Provision for the Repayment of Debt Policy (Minimum Revenue Provision)

1. In accordance with the requirement to make a prudent 'revenue provision for the repayment of debt', the Council ensures that debt is repaid over a period that is commensurate with the period over which the capital expenditure provides benefit.

This is achieved by applying the following methodology:

Borrowing	MRP Repayment Basis
Pre 1 st April 2008 Debt	This element of the Capital Financing Requirement is being repaid on a full repayment method based on a standard asset life of 50 years which equates to a flat rate of 2% per year until the debt is fully repaid over 50 years.
Unsupported Debt-2008/09 onwards	This element of the Capital Financing Requirement is being repaid using the Asset Life EIP method . Whereby equal instalments of principal debt repayment are repaid over the asset lives of the assets financed from borrowing.
Debt used to finance assets whose benefit increases as time passes e.g. Infrastructure Assets	This element of the Capital Financing Requirement is being repaid using the Asset Life Annuity method . Whereby a fixed repayment of debt consists of primarily all interest in early years and principal repayment increases in later years. This method therefore has the advantage of linking MRP to the flow of benefits from an asset where the benefits of those assets are expected to increase in later years.
Credit Arrangements	MRP is met by a charge equal to the element of rent/charge that goes to write down the balance sheet liability.
Assets financed by borrowing when if sold the income is classed as a capital receipt.	For capital expenditure incurred, financed by borrowing that increased the CFR whose subsequent sale resulted in a capital receipt that reduced the CFR, there will be no revenue provision made for the repayment of the debt liability, unless the receipt fails to meet the expenditure incurred. (Loans for capital purposes, investment properties, assets acquired for development/resale).

Revenue provision is chargeable in the first financial year after the relevant capital expenditure is incurred.

The guidance also allows Councils not to start charging MRP until an asset becomes operational.

Where it is practical or appropriate to do so, the Council may make voluntary revenue provision, or apply capital receipts, to reduce debt over a shorter period.

The table below shows the estimates for asset lives per type of asset used under the Asset Life MRP policy detailed above. Professional guidance has been used to ascertain these lives.

Type of Asset	Estimated Asset Life in Years
Land	50
Construction	70 Revised from 40
Matched Funding	25 Revised from 41
Repair & Maintenance	20
Infrastructure	120 Revised from 60
Road Maintenance	20
Bridges	120
Integrated Transport	20
Waste Transfer Plant	40
Heavy Engineering Equipment	30
Vehicles	5
Long Life Specialist Vehicles	15
Equipment	5
IT	4
ERP Finance System	10 New
Mosaic	10 New
Broadband	10 Revised from 15