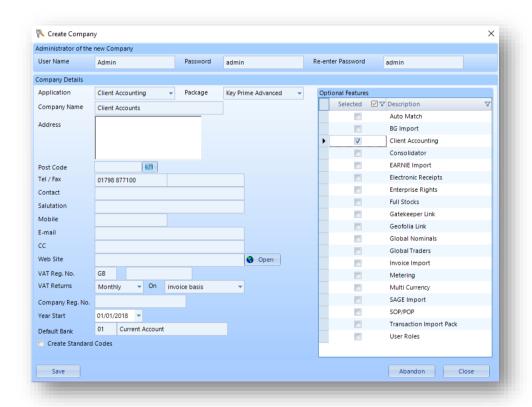




Client Accounting

Initial Set up



- The Accounts data must be set up first then the Property data can be linked to it. When creating the Accounts Company the Optional Feature for Client Accounting must be ticked.
- 2. When setting up the Property Company the tick must be in the **Enable Client Accounting** box. This will then show a new field titled Company which is where the Accounts Company is selected.



3. Within the Accounts data set up a new Bank Account. Ensure that the Client Account box is ticked in the Details section.



Set up **Nominals** as appropriate for Rental Income, Expenditure and Agents Fees.

Set up **Suppliers** for all the Landlords you will require.

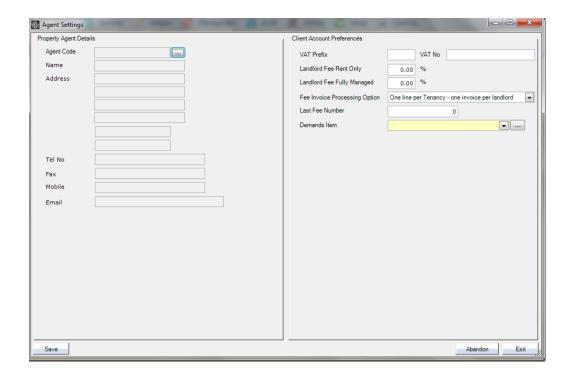
Set up a Supplier with the **Agent** name and address.

4. Once the Accounts have been set up, go into the Property data and a request will come up on screen for you to set up the **Agent Settings**.



Select OK and the blank

Agent Settings screen will be displayed.



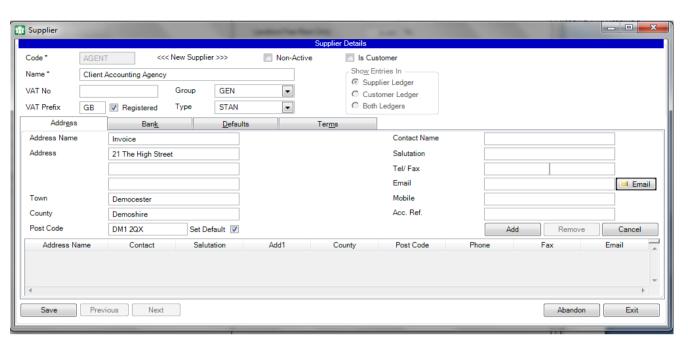
Use the Browse button

to take you to the Supplier Codes screen.

If the Supplier for Agent has already been set up then select it.

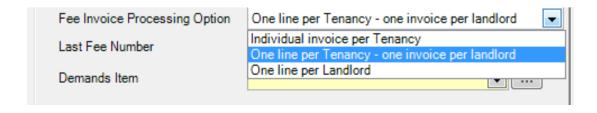
Or to create the Agent as a Supplier click on the New button at the bottom of the screen. Fill in the details and Save.





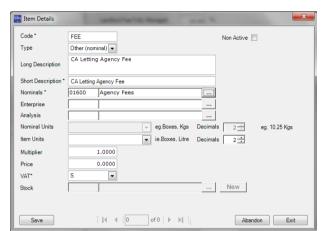
On the Client Accounting Preferences side of the Agent Setting screen, fill in the VAT details and the percentages that will be charged for Landlord Fees; these are for Rent Only and for Fully Managed.

Also select which **Fee Invoice Processing Option** is required.

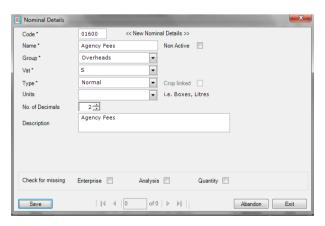


The **Last Fee Invoice number** can be changed if Fee invoices have been produced before and you wish to follow on with the numbering, otherwise they will start at 1.

The **Demands Item** will also need to be selected if already set up, otherwise a new one must be created:-



Click on the Browse button then New to create a new



If nominals have not already been set up in the Accounts data then a new Nominal will have to be set up too. Click on Save to save the Agent details. These details may be viewed or edited in the Property data, Admin, Agent Settings.

5. Set up the **Landlords** in the Property data using the Suppliers set up in Accounts. Click on New and either Browse for the Suppliers created in Accounts or enter a new code and create the Landlord in Property. In the **Preferences** screen select the options required for invoice numbering, layouts and the address for invoices; in this case Estate will print the address for the Managing Agent.

There is also a **Client Accounting** tab to be filled in:-



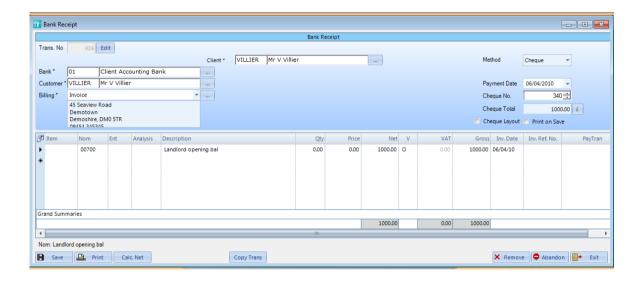
The **Fee Processing Option** defaults to that set up in Agent settings but may be overwritten for each Landlord.

The **Last Fee Processing Date** is mainly for information but can be changed if necessary. Select the appropriate radio button for whether the Fee is to be charged on invoices according to the **Invoice Date** or the **Payment Date**.

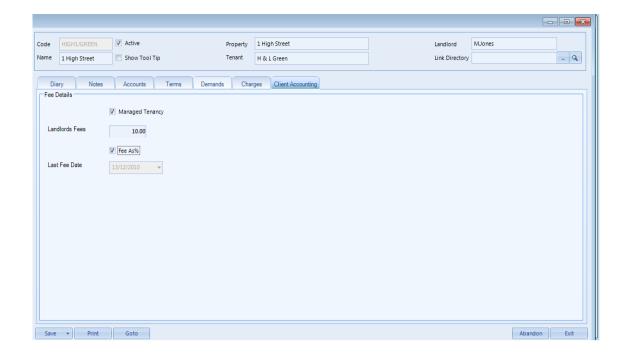
6. Create **Properties** in the section. An individual property code cannot be used by more than one landlord. If several landlords own flats in the same block they must all be set up as different properties with a unique code.



8. Back in the Accounts enter the **opening bank balances** for the Landlords. This is done by entering a Bank Receipt for each Landlord into the Client Accounting bank account. Set up a nominal for this in Miscellaneous Receipts which should be outside the scope of VAT. The 'Client' and 'Customer' field will both be the Landlord.



9. In Property set up the **Tenancies** in the usual way and create a Demand for each tenancy. Within each Tenancy there is a **Client Accounting tab** to be filled in. This will default to the Fee percentage set up in the Agent settings for Rent only fees, but it can be overwritten and the option for Managed Tenancy selected. There is also the option to change the fee to a fixed amount as opposed to a percentage. Fees are calculated by reference to the rent charge period so are not necessarily a per month rate.



- 10. **Opening debtors** should be entered. These will be raised as Opening Sales invoices in the Accounts data. They will appear in Tenant statements but will not appear in the Tenancy rent book as there is no tenancy reference attached to these entries. Remember to tick the VAT Previously Claimed box if needed. Client Accounting does not produce VAT Returns for individual Landlords, but does provide enough information to enable the VAT returns to be prepared for each Landlord.
- 11. If deposits have been paid by Tenants the information is recorded in the Terms screen within Tenancies. However this does not appear in the Accounts data so it must be entered separately as a Bank Receipt which should be coded to a specific nominal for Rent Deposits. To record deposits received prior to the start date of the Accounts data, enter them as a Bank Receipt dated on the start date opening Bank Receipts will be introduced sometime in the future.

Processing in Property

Once the Tenancies have been set up the **Demands** should be processed.



There is an option in Admin, Settings

to Auto Process the demands.

If this is ticked the user simply processes the demands by selection, date or landlord and the invoices are produced without the user having to save each one individually. Warning messages about rolling over demands are still received and need to be acted upon as normal.

Once the invoices are created the sales receipts should be entered when they are paid.

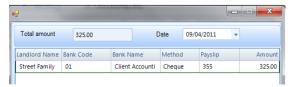
Receipting in Property

Receipts should be entered in a timely fashion particularly when the Managing Agent Fees are based upon the receipt date. As Client monies are subject to additional legislative controls, it is best practice to keep these bank accounts as up to date as possible.

There are three ways of entering a receipt in Property:-

In the Invoices screen, highlight the invoices that have been paid. Use the ctrl or shift buttons if several invoices have been paid at once. Only invoices for one Landlord may be paid at the same time. Once the invoices have been selected either right click on the mouse or click on the List button. Select Pay and put in the

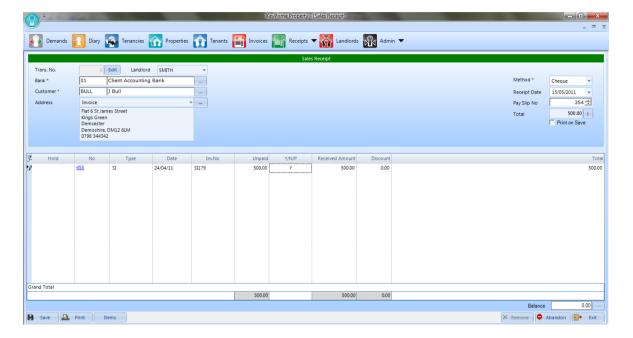
payment date and method. Click on Save.



2. Or, from the **Receipts** menu select Receipt. This will bring up the normal Sales receipt screen with the additional field where the Landlord must be selected.

Receipts
List

Receipt



3. In the Receipts menu there is also the option to **Bulk receipt**. This may be used to receipt multiple invoices and may be used for more than one landlord at a time.



Fill in the Receipt date and Method, tick the box if you wish to print a List of Receipts, and then Load. This will give you a list of all outstanding invoices. Tick the ones that have been paid and Save.

Agents fee processing

In the Invoices screen there is an Agents Fee button which you process the fees. This will process the fees for all landlords. The filter for landlords will be included sometime in the future to enable the processing of fees for specific landlord(s).



Insert the dates as required and click

OK. If the fees are to be processed on
the Payment date, then the **Page of the**

This generates the Agent Fee invoice template



This shows the Landlord (Client) and the details of the property or properties being managed.

Fees should be processed on a regular basis, at least monthly. The fees will be processed either according to the Invoice Date or the Payment Date as was selected in the Landlord, Client Accounting screen.



The rate of fee charged is initially set up in the Agent settings for Client Accounting preferences, but it may be changed in the individual Tenancies, Client Accounting tab.

Save the invoice and this will produce a self-billing invoice for the Agent in the Accounts.

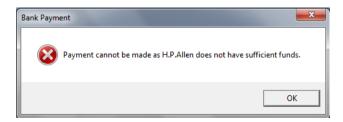
To ascertain when the **last fee invoice** was processed for a Landlord, go to Landlords, Edit and select the Client Accounting tab. The Last Fee Processing date is the **Processing date** of the latest demands to have had the fee raised on them.

Landlord expenses

Bank Payments and Purchase Invoices to be paid on behalf of Landlords are input in the Accounts. All these transactions have to have the Client (Landlord) selected.



A payment will not be processed if the Landlord has insufficient funds in the Client Bank Account, at the date of the transaction, to cover it.



Reporting

Landlord Reports

The financial reports for the Landlords are found in the Accounting data under **Ledgers** then **Clients**.



The reports will show All Landlords unless specific ones are highlighted.

Creditors and Debtors

This produces the **Age of Debt** report as at the chosen date. It may be sorted by Landlord and it can be run with a page per Landlord.

Landlord Balances

This report shows the **cash** position for each Landlord.

		CA Letting Age	encv			
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Page 1 of <u>LANDLORD BALANCES</u> From 01/01/2011 to 31/12/2011 Landlords with a closing balance only FOR BANK 01 ONLY						
<u>Landlord</u>		Opening Balance	<u>Payments</u>	Receipts	Closing Balance	
SMITH	Mr S Smith	24783.85	2448.00	13905.00	36240.85	
STREET	Street Family	18497.31	1896.01	15470.00	32071.30	
TUCKER	Tucker Family	24189.91	3737.26	26143.75	46596.40	
VILLIER	MrVVillier	1000.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00	
WHITE	White Family	6024.00	469.00	3200.00	8755.00	
	Grand Total	74495.07	8550.27	58718.75	124663.55	

Landlord Ledger

The Landlord balances can be reported at transaction level by using the Landlord Ledger report.

Landle	ord TU	CKER	Tucker Family	Open	ning Balance at	01/01/2011	24189.91
312	18/01/201	1 PP	Agent	Agent fee for 1 Stable Yard C	120.00	0.00	24069.91
347	16/02/201	1 PP	Agent	Agent fee for 1 Stable Yard C	240.00	0.00	23829.91
383	10/03/201	1 PP	Agent	Agent fee for 1 Stable Yard C	120.00	0.00	23709.91
404	27/03/201	1 SR	Mr T Penn & Mrs A Spa	rroFarm Rent 27/03/2011 - 26/0	0.00	16450.00	40159.91
406	27/03/201	1 SR	Mr & Mrs P. Sparrow	Farm Rent 27/03/2011 - 26/0	0.00	9693.75	49853.66
419	14/04/201	1 PP	Agent	Agent fee for 1 Stable Yard C	120.00	0.00	49733.66
419	14/04/201	1 PP	Agent	Agent fee for Fen Farm	1974.00	0.00	47759.66
419	14/04/201	1 PP	Agent	Agent fee for Manor Farm	1163.26	0.00	46596.40
					3737.26	26143.75	
				Closi	ing Balance at	31/12/2011	46596.40
Landle	ord Wi	HITE	White Family	Open	ning Balance at	01/01/2011	6024.00
313	18/01/201	1 PP	Agent	Agent fee for Hill Top Cottage	96.00	0.00	5928.00
316	01/01/201	1 SR	Mr and Mrs Redgrove	Rent 01/01/2011 - 31/01/201	0.00	800.00	6728.00
430	14/01/201	1 BP	Jones Plumbers	Property Maintenance	85.00	0.00	6643.00
348	16/02/201	1 PP	Agent	Agent fee for Hill Top Cottage	96.00	0.00	6547.00
351	01/02/201	1 SR	Mr and Mrs Redgrove	Rent 01/02/2011 - 28/02/201	0.00	800.00	7347.00
384	10/03/201		Agent	Agent fee for Hill Top Cottage	96.00	0.00	7251.00
387	01/03/201		Mr and Mrs Redgrove	Rent 01/03/2011 - 31/03/201	0.00	800.00	8051.00
420	14/04/201		Agent	Agent fee for Hill Top Cottage	96.00	0.00	7955.00
437	01/04/201	1 SR	Mr and Mrs Redgrove	Rent 01/04/2011 - 30/04/201	0.00	800.00	8755.00
					469.00	3200.00	
				Closi	ing Balance at	31/12/2011	8755.00

These reports indicate to which Landlord the money in the Client Bank Account belongs, and can be agreed back to the Bank Cash position report.

Landlord Statement

Statements to be sent to each Landlord may be produced in **detail** or **summary**. They are on a cash basis only so they do not take into account debtors or creditors relating to that Landlord. Therefore they should be in agreement with the Landlord Balances report.

Detailed Statement

			Opening Balance at 06/04/2010			0.00
<u>Date</u>	No Type	<u>Tra der</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Debit</u>	Credit	
03/05/2010	30 SI	H.McBain	Shop rent 03/05/2010 To 0:	0.00	1000.00	
	Shop Rent	al Income		0.00	1000.00	
03/05/2010	32 SI	H.McBain	Water 03/05/2010 To 02/0:	0.00	225.00	
	Water			0.00	225.00	
03/03/2008	1 SI	Mr & Mrs F Adams	Deposits Held	0.00	700.00	
04/03/2007	4 SI	Ali Barr	Deposits Held	0.00	3000.00	
22/04/2004	5 SI	J Bull	Deposits Held	0.00	1800.00	
24/03/2010	6 SI	J Bull	Deposits Held	0.00	500.00	
	Deposits H	[eld		0.00	6000.00	
30/04/2010	2 PI	Jones Plumbers	Fixing drains	240.00	0.00	
	Property M	laintenance		240.00	0.00	
30/04/2010	141 PI	Agent	Agent fee for 6 St James St	216.00	0.00	
Agent Fees				216.00	0.00	
06/04/2010	421 SI	Mr S Smith	Landlord opening bal	0.00	1500.00	
	Landlord o	opening bal		0.00	1500.00	

The detailed statement lists the Tenant, period of rent or service charge and the amounts received or expended.

Summary Statement

The summary statement has a single figure per Title for the entire period of the report.

For Period 06/04/2010 to 05/05/2010					
	Opening Balance at 06/04/2010		0.00		
	<u>Debit</u>	Credit			
Shop Rental Income	0.00	1000.00			
Water	0.00	225.00			
Deposits Held	0.00	6000.00			
Property Maintenance	240.00	0.00			
Agent Fees	216.00	0.00			
Landlord opening bal	0.00	1500.00			
	Closing Balance at 05/05/2010		8269.00		

VAT reporting for individual Landlords – Cash Basis

There is no direct facility within Prime Client Accounts to produce VAT returns for individual Landlords.

A transaction report by Landlord with VAT is in development.

VAT reporting for individual Landlords – Invoice Basis

At present there are no reports specifically to enable the VAT by Landlord on an invoice basis. However, if Enterprise codes are not being used for other purposes, then each Landlord could be identified by a separate Enterprise code and the Nominal transaction report with VAT detail could be run for each Enterprise.

Care has to be taken when using these reports to produce VAT information. Prime will not identify, in these reports, transactions which have been edited or removed. Checks can be made by comparing year to date figures with previously filed VAT returns.

Another advantage of using Enterprise codes to identify Landlords is that a Profit & Loss or a Cashflow report can be produced in Accounts for each Landlord. Go to Management, Enterprise and then report by Trading or Cashflow.