

(CCC) Council Tax Debt

Please consider this request under the FOI Act. I am seeking data on the level of council tax arrears owed to the local authority.

Please provide figures for each of the following financial years: 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

- 1) What was the total value of unpaid council tax debt owed to the council at the end of each financial year?
- 2) For each year, what was the total value of council tax debt accrued in that 12-month period?
- 3) In each year, how many households were sent a final notice instructing them to pay the year's council tax in full after missing earlier payments?
- 4) In each year, how many times did the council instruct bailiffs to enforce liability orders for non-payment of council tax?
- 5) In each year, how many cases were taken back from bailiffs after the council accepted the individual was vulnerable?

Response

- 1) What was the total value of unpaid council tax debt owed to the council at the end of each financial year?

17/18 = £ 2,079,125

18/19 = £ 1,581,108

19/20 = £ 2,409,062

20/21 = £ 2,748,371

21/22 = £ 2,489,971

22/23 = £ 1,026,838

- 2) For each year, what was the total value of council tax debt accrued in that 12-month period?

17/18 = £69,679,945

18/19 = £74,779,431

19/20 = £80,175,742

20/21 = £81,900,957

21/22 = £85,976,412

22/23 = £90,649,684

- 3) In each year, how many households were sent a final notice instructing them to pay the year's council tax in full after missing earlier payments?

17/18 = 230

18/19 = 187

19/20 = 310

20/21 = 25

21/22 = 432

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22/23 = 620

4) In each year, how many times did the council instruct bailiffs to enforce liability orders for non-payment of council tax?

17/18 = 304

18/19 = 1637

19/20 = 1424

20/21 = 103

21/22 = 1641

22/23 = 1183

5) In each year, how many cases were taken back from bailiffs after the council accepted the individual was vulnerable?

17/18 = 46

18/19 = 42

19/20 = 60

20/21 = 28

21/22 = 31

22/23 = 54

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk