

Request 7380 – Tax and revenues, Council Tax

(SCDC) Council Tax

5. How many households are eligible to pay council tax in 2020/21?
6. How many households still owe council tax for April 2020 (i.e. they have not fully paid their council tax bill for April)?
7. How many working age households are in receipt of Council Tax Support?
8. How many working age households in receipt of Council Tax Support still owe council tax for April 2020 (i.e. they have not fully paid their council tax bill for April)?
9. Please outline any council tax deferral or waiver policy the council has introduced during the coronavirus pandemic (e.g. the council cancelling Ctax bills for April to June for Council Tax Support recipients). Please state whether the council tax bills for the beneficiaries of these policies are included or excluded from the data for questions 1-8

Council housing rent arrears

10. Does the council own council housing stock (including housing owned via an ALMO)?
If the answer to question 10 is 'no', please proceed to question 15
Questions 11-14 include tenants living in housing owned by the council via an ALMO.
11. How many council housing tenant households does the council have?
12. Of the households in question 11, how many have not yet fully paid their rent for April 2020?
13. How many council housing households does the council have who are in receipt of Universal Credit?
14. Of the households in question 13, how many have not yet fully paid their rent for April 2020?
NB the figures for questions 11 and 12 should include all council housing tenant households, including those on Universal Credit

Discretionary Housing Payments

15. What is the council's Discretionary Housing Payment budget for 2020/21 (comprising both funds sourced from central government and any top-ups by the council)?

16. How much has the council awarded in Discretionary Housing Payments so far in 2020/21?

Homelessness assistance

17. Since 1st April 2020, how many people have approached the council for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction Act?

18. How many of the people who approached the council since 1st April 2020 for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction Act (i.e. the question 17 figure) have been assessed by the council to be 'threatened with homelessness'?

19. How many of the people who approached the council since 1st April 2020 for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction Act (i.e. the question 17 figure) have been assessed by the council to be legally homeless?

Response

5. How many households are eligible to pay council tax in 2020/21? 68,091

6. How many households still owe council tax for April 2020 (i.e. they have not fully paid their council tax bill for April)? 79

7. How many working age households are in receipt of Council Tax Support? 3400

8. How many working age households in receipt of Council Tax Support still owe council tax for April 2020 (i.e. they have not fully paid their council tax bill for April)? 0

9. Please outline any council tax deferral or waiver policy the council has introduced during the coronavirus pandemic (e.g. the council cancelling Ctax bills for April to June for Council Tax Support recipients). Please state whether the council tax bills for the beneficiaries of these policies are included or excluded from the data for questions 1-8. No deferral or waiver policy introduced

Council housing rent arrears

10. Does the council own council housing stock (including housing owned via an ALMO)?

If the answer to question 10 is 'no', please proceed to question 15 yes

Questions 11-14 include tenants living in housing owned by the council via an ALMO.

11. How many council housing tenant households does the council have? 6338 including garages

12. Of the households in question 11, how many have not yet fully paid their rent for April 2020? Rent arrears are not split into years like Council Tax, the rent account is one long rolling ledger since the tenancy started so it isn't possible to supply this information

13. How many council housing households does the council have who are in receipt of Universal Credit? We do not hold this information, we do verify rents in most cases but we aren't informed if the claim is successful or when it ends.

14. Of the households in question 13, how many have not yet fully paid their rent for April 2020?

NB the figures for questions 11 and 12 should include all council housing tenant households, including those on Universal Credit See answers to questions 12 and 13

Discretionary Housing Payments

15. What is the council's Discretionary Housing Payment budget for 2020/21 (comprising both funds sourced from central government and any top-ups by the council)? £184,054

16. How much has the council awarded in Discretionary Housing Payments so far in 2020/21? £31,681.90

Homelessness assistance

17. Since 1st April 2020, how many people have approached the council for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction Act? 96 (1st April to 30 June 2020)
18. How many of the people who approached the council since 1st April 2020 for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction Act (i.e. the question 17 figure) have been assessed by the council to be 'threatened with homelessness'? 93 (1st April to 30 June 2020)