

## Request 11385 - Council Tax Arrears

If you are unable to answer any of the questions, or unable to do so within the time limit stipulated by the FOI Act, then please move on to the next possible question and provide as much data as you can.

1. In relation to your collection of council tax for each financial year, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date, please provide the total number of:

- A. reminders issued;
- B. final notices issued;
- C. court summonses issued;
- D. liability orders issued;
- E. attachment of benefit arrangements made;
- F. attachment of earnings arrangements made; and
- G. referrals/ debt passed to enforcement agents;

2. Against how many people did you commence committal proceedings with regard to unpaid council tax in 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date?

3. How many people were committed to prison for non-payment of council tax in 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date?

4. What was the a. Average, b. Longest, c. shortest number of days served in prison by people committed to prison for non-payment of council tax owed to the local authority for each year 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date.

5. How many people were subject to a suspended committal order for non-payment of council tax in 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date?

6. If possible, what was the average amount of council tax arrears owed by people subject to council tax committal proceedings when the proceedings commenced, for 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date

## Response

Thank you for your request for information above, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I hope the following will answer your query:

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Year	Reminder 1	Reminder 2	Final Notice	Summons	Liability Order
2022 up to 30/06/22	5099	1125	263	1629	1085
2021	9,813	2,363	1,306	3,649	2,772
2020	5,304	1,643	660	3,064	2,079
2019	10,910	3,989	1,857	4,101	2,672
2018	11,514	3,950	2,117	4,206	2,556
2017	11,210	3,950	1,975	3,946	2,681

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We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.