

o me, Feedback, SSCentral

Dear Mr Nicolson,

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request ref: LBH/6186417

Thank you for your request for information received on 11 April 2017, in which you asked for the following information:

1. I would be grateful if you would send me a break down of the costs you will be charging late and non payers of council tax (a) when they are summoned to court and (b) when you are granted a liability order by the Magistrates in the current Financial Year 2017/18?
2. The number of summons dispatched by the council in 2016/17?
3. The number of liability orders granted to the council by the Magistrates in 2016/17?
4. The amount of unpaid council tax in 2016/17 and each year for the previous six years?
5. The amount of council tax collected from working aged benefit claimants in 2016/17 and the previous six years?
6. The number of times the bailiffs were required to collect unpaid council tax in 2016/17?

Cost Calculation 2017/18

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CT cost of collection (source 2015/16 Revenue Outturn)	4,332,719.24
Employees	1,533,125.00
Running costs (non-staff)	1,079,820.00
overheads	1,760,381.00
Total	4,373,326.00
Costs incurred up to the point of summons issue	
60% of employees	919,875.00
71% of Running costs (non-staff)	764,867.97
50% of overheads	880,190.50
Total	2,564,933.47
Summons issued in 2015/16	19855
2,564,933.47 / 19855 =	
£129.18	
SUMMONS COSTS	129.00

Cost of work between issue of Summons and application for Liability Order	
Council Tax	£191,640.00
Benefits Service	£40,125.00
Customer Services	£57,929.00
TOTAL	£289,694.00
Liability Orders Obtained in 2015/16	
17,469	
$289,694.00 / 17,469 = £16.58$	
Liability Order Costs	£16.00

2. 27,270

3. 17,458

4. The amount of unpaid council tax year end 2010/11	£3,931,473.89
The amount of unpaid council tax year end 2011/12	£3,329,359.99
The amount of unpaid council tax year end 2012/13	£2,965,734.90
The amount of unpaid council tax year end 2013/14	£3,626,455.71
The amount of unpaid council tax year end 2014/15	£3,868,138.05
The amount of unpaid council tax year end 2015/16	£3,614,643.13
The amount of unpaid council tax year end 2016/17	£2,292,666.89

Please note that the above figures do not include costs or penalties

5. Please note that we do not hold the information in a format that you have requested. We do not retain that information as the figures are too complex to obtain due to the constant changing of the retirement age and the difficulty in defining who is of working age.

6. 11492 cases were referred to enforcement agents during 2016/17. These figures will include liability orders obtained from previous years.

If you are unhappy with how we have responded to your request you can ask us to conduct an Internal Review. If so, please contact the Feedback and Information Team as below. (Please note you should do this within two months of receiving this response.)

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Cost Calculations 2015/16

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CT Cost of collection (source 2014/5 Revenue Outturn)	4,332,719.24
Employees	1,381,000.00
Running costs (non-staff)	1,098,409.39
overheads	1,853,309.85
Total	4,332,719.24

Costs incurred up to the point of summons issue

60% of employees	828,600.00
73% of Running costs (non-staff)	797,256.00
50% of overheads	926,655.00
Total	2,552,511.00
Summons issued in 2014/15	24,796.00

 $2,552,511.00 / 24,796 = £102.94$ **SUMMONS COSTS****102.00**

Cost of work between issue of Summons and application for Liability Order

Council Tax	£172,625.00
Benefits	£48,980.00
Customer Services	£58,200.00
TOTAL	£279,805.00

Liability Orders obtained in 2014/15, 20,806

 $£279,805.00 / 20,806 = £13.44$ **LIABILITY ORDER COSTS £13.00**