



Reference: FOI0979

Request:

Please can I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1a) In £, the total amount of Council Tax which was unpaid, by municipal year from 2012/13 and including any arrears in 2018/19 to date);

*Response - Council Tax arrears balances as at 28th February 2018:

2012/13 = £772,155.60

2013/14 = £1,128,194.77

2014/15 = £1,540,730.81

2015/16 = £1,919,461.87

2016/17 = £2,663,777.38

2017/18 = £3,580,421.49

2018/19 - Unavailable as this is the current Financial Year

1b) The total amount of Council Tax, in £, which was owed but never paid by Universal Credit claimants since 2012/13 (broken down by municipal year and including any arrears in 2018/19 to date);

*Response - this information is not held

1c) The number of households in receipt of Universal Credit which are currently in arrears on their Council Tax;

*Response - this information is not held

2) Since the national introduction of Universal Credit from 2013 onwards, has your authority had to reduce the number of housing officers dealing with benefits queries because of a reduction in government funding? If so, please provide figures for government funding (in £) and staffing numbers (in Full Time Equivalents) before and after these reductions.

*Response- With regards to question 2 we have not reduced the number of housing officers. Housing offers are funded through the Housing Revenue Account and not through government grants.