

Reference: RFI 1801043

**Request:**

Please disclose under the Freedom of Information Act at the earliest possible opportunity.

**1a)** The total value council tax the local authority should have received for the following financial years: 2012/13; 2013/14; 2014/15; 2015/16; 2016/17

**1b)** The total value of council tax owed which was written off as irrecoverable debt for each of the following financial years: 2012/13; 2013/14; 2014/15; 2015/16; 2016/17

**1c)** Please provide the number of dwellings/households this figure (1b) represents, for each financial year if possible.

e.g. For 2012/13 £225,000 worth of council tax which was written off. This amount was for 320 dwellings/households.

**2)** For each of the following financial years: 2012/13; 2013/14; 2014/15; 2015/16; 2016/17.

Please provide the 5 highest individual amounts of council tax written off as irrecoverable debt by the council along with a reason wherever possible.

**Response:**

1a) The total value council tax the local authority should have received for the following financial years: 2012/13; 2013/14; 2014/15; 2015/16; 2016/17

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|-----------|----------------|
| 2012/2013 | £78,225,046.86 |
| 2013/2014 | £81,404,459.57 |
| 2014/2015 | £82,841,741.27 |
| 2015/2016 | £84,867,672.04 |
| 2016/2017 | £89,961,160.78 |

1b) The total value of council tax owed which was written off as irrecoverable debt for each of the following financial years: 2012/13; 2013/14; 2014/15; 2015/16; 2016/17

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|-----------|--------------------|
| 2012/2013 | Amount £174,411.71 |
| 2013/2014 | Amount £179,561.07 |
| 2014/2015 | Amount £130,896.43 |
| 2015/2016 | Amount £92,491.47  |
| 2016/2017 | Amount £63,768.54  |

1c) Please provide the number of dwellings/households this figure (1b) represents, for each financial year if possible.

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| 2012/2013 | Accounts 2193 |
| 2013/2014 | Accounts 2171 |
| 2014/2015 | Accounts 1558 |
| 2015/2016 | Accounts 1411 |
| 2016/2017 | Accounts 942  |

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Please provide the 5 highest individual amounts of council tax written off as irrecoverable debt by the council along with a reason wherever possible.

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| 2012/2013 | £1,484.90 | Bankruptcy                    |
| 2013/2014 | £1,487.81 | Bankruptcy                    |
| 2014/2015 | £1,429.83 | Bankruptcy                    |
| 2015/2016 | £1,325.33 | Abscond                       |
| 2016/2017 | £1,331.57 | Deceased Estate with No Funds |

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