



Reference: FOI1638

Request:

We are asking for information for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 (2018/19).

1. How many liability order proceedings for non-payment of council tax were commenced in 2018/19?
2. What was the mean average value of council tax owed for the proceedings commenced as identified in question 1?
3. In 2018/19 against how many people did the local authority commence committal proceedings with regard to unpaid council tax?
4. In 2018/19 against how many people did the local authority seek attachment of earnings orders to collect unpaid council tax?
5. In how many cases were these attachment orders successfully made?
6. In 2018/19 against how many people did the local authority seek to collect payments directly from welfare benefits paid by the DWP with regard to unpaid council tax?
7. In how many cases were these requests for deductions from benefits successfully made?
8. In 2018/19 how many people did the local authority commence proceedings to make someone bankrupt due to council tax arrears?
9. What was the mean average level of council tax debt for all the people against whom these bankruptcy proceedings were successful?
10. In how many cases was the bankruptcy successfully made?
11. What were the total additional charges added to the debt as a result of these successful bankruptcy proceedings including fees charged by the Insolvency Service and Insolvency Practitioners?
12. In 2018/19 how many times did the council instruct a bailiff to collect council tax arrears subject to a liability order?
13. What was the mean average level of the debts that led to these instructions to bailiffs?
14. What was the outcome of the council tax committal proceedings identified in question 3?
15. How many people were committed to prison for non-payment of council tax in 2018/19?
16. What was the overall total number of days served in prison by all of the people committed to prison for non-payment of council tax owed to the local authority in 2018/19?
17. How many people were subject to a suspended committal order due to non-payment of council tax in 2018/19?
18. How many people subject to a suspended committal order in 2018/19 were subsequently committed to prison because they did not comply with the terms of the suspended order?
19. How many people subject to a suspended committal order before 2018/19 for non-payment of council tax were committed to prison in 2018/19 because they did not comply with the terms of the suspended order?
20. In how many cases did the people subject to a committal order in 2018/19 clear the debt and avoid imprisonment?

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21. In how many cases did the people subject to a committal order in 2018/19 and imprisoned subsequently clear the debt and so reduced their prison term?
22. In how many cases did people subject to a suspended committal order in 2018/19 maintain the required payments for the duration of the order or to date?
23. What was the total amount of council tax arrears owed by people subject to council tax committal proceedings in 2018/19 when the proceedings commenced?
24. What was the total amount of council tax arrears remitted by the local authority in 2018/19 under section 13A of the local government act?
25. What was the total amount of council tax arrears remitted by the magistrates Court in 2018/19?

Response:

1. 15,433
2. This part of the request under section 12 (1) as the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

There is no report that can be produced or created to identify the information so the only way it could be gathered would be to manually examine each liability order every obtained to determine the recovery action taken. For the 15,433 commenced in 2018/19 taking 1 minute per account would take over 257 hours.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time

3. Zero
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7. I am rejecting this part of the request under section 12 (1) as the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. There is no report that can be produced or created to identify the information so the only way it could be gathered would be to manually examine each liability order every obtained to determine the recovery action taken. Even for the 15,433 commenced in 2018/19 taking 1 minute per account would take over 257 hours.

8. Zero

9. N/A

10. N/A

11. N/A



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14. N/A

15. Zero

16. Zero

17. Zero

18. Zero

19. Zero

20. N/A

21. N/A

22. N/A

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23. N/A

24. £72,758.69

25. Zero

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