

## Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000715  
Date 20 December 2016

### Council Tax

#### Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act can I ask for the following information:

- In the last five financial years how much in Council Tax was not collected by your authority?
  - a) I would like the data year by year?
  - b) How many households did this involve year on year?

We have interpreted your request to mean the amounts outstanding at the end of each relevant year however would like to point out that this does not exclusively represent arrears because some accounts may have only just been billed as occupancy and liability changes on a daily basis. The amount outstanding at the end of each relevant year is therefore a snapshot and recovery continues over subsequent years. To illustrate this we have additionally included the amounts outstanding as at 31/12/2016.

Year	Amount outstanding (at end of relevant year)	Amount outstanding (at 31/12/2016)	Number of accounts with a balance outstanding (at end of relevant year)
2011/12	£3,053,807.16	£553,309.47	12,014
2012/13	£3,147,689.84	£692,462.68	11,846
2013/14	£4,112,744.02	£1,201,530.52	18,897
2014/15	£5,021,278.42	£1,921,356.43	24,083
2015/16	£6,166,263.06	£3,941,037.65	24,475

- In the last five financial years how much in Business Rates was not collected by your authority?
  - a) I would like the data year by year?
  - b) How many business did this involve year on year?

Year	Amount outstanding (at end of relevant year)	Amount outstanding (at 31/12/2016)	Number of accounts with a balance outstanding (at end of relevant year)
2011/12	£2,884,402.00	£297,436.77	983
2012/13	£3,183,207.85	£635,794.44	1,002
2013/14	£3,707,341.47	£963,146.92	1,066
2014/15	£2,989,319.48	£1,213,646.27	954
2015/16	£2,736,809.34	£2,062,992.60	888

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- In the last five years how much have you put Council Tax up by? In total over that period. Ideally I'd like that as a percentage and the increase in £ on a Band D property?

Billing Year	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12
Valuation Band D	£1,591.87	£1,531.13	£1,501.26	£1,471.97	£1,464.00	£1,464.00
Increase	£60.74	£29.87	£29.29	£7.97	£0.00	£0.00
	3.99%	1.99%	1.99%	0.54%	0.00%	0.00%