



Response to Request for Information

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Council Tax Arrears

Request:

I am writing to make an open government request for information to support a research project connected with council tax arrears.

1. Against how many people did you commence committal proceedings with regard to unpaid council tax in 2012/13 and 2016/17?
 2. What was the outcome of the council tax committal proceedings identified in question 1 for 2012/13 and 2016/17?
 - a) How many people were committed to prison for non-payment of council tax for 2012/13 and 2016/17?
 - b) 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 for 2012/13 and 2016/17?
 - c) How many people were subject to a suspended committal order for 2012/13 and 2016/17?
 - d) How many people subject to a suspended committal order in this year were subsequently committed to prison because they did not comply with the terms of the suspended order for 2012/13 and 2016/17?
 - e) In how many cases did the people subject to a committal order clear the debt and avoid imprisonment for 2012/13 and 2016/17?
 - f) In how many cases did the people subject to a committal order and imprisoned clear the debt and so reduced their prison term for 2012/13 and 2016/17?
 - g) In how many cases did people subject to a suspended committal order maintain the required payments for the duration of the order or to date for 2012/13 and 2016/17?
 3. What was the total amount of council tax arrears owed by people subject to
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council tax committal proceedings in 2012/13 and 2016/17 when the proceedings commenced?

4. What was the total amount of council tax arrears remitted by the local authority in 2012/13 and 2016/17?
5. What was the total amount of council tax arrears remitted by the magistrates court for your local authority in 2012/13 and 2016/17?
6. What was the total cost the local authority of all committal proceedings for non-payment of council tax in 2012/13 and 2017/18? Please explain how you have calculated this?

In response to your request we can confirm that there have been no committals for non-payment of Council Tax since 2012/13 so there is a zero response to this request.