



Response to Request for Information

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Council Tax

Request:

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. How many court summonses did you issue or were issued on your authority's behalf for late or non-payment of Council Tax in:
 - a) 2016/2017
 - b) 2017/2018

Please break this data down by the wards of the addresses to which the summonses were sent.

2. How many council tax liability orders were issued in your authority as a result of the summonses issued in Q1 during:
 - a) 2016/2017
 - b) 2017/2018

Please break this data down by the wards of the addresses to which the liability orders were applied.

Please specify for Q2 precisely which powers the courts gave to you (e.g. salary deductions, benefits deductions etc.) if possible. Such a table might look like this:

Power / times granted in 2016/17 / times granted in 2017/18
benefits deductions / 5,000 / 7,000
bankruptcy applications / 20 / 30

In response to your request, please find our response below:

Please note - these figures have counted the number of accounts on which at least one summons has been issued during the year. If more than one summons was issued during the year then the account has only been counted once.

1a 2016/2017 Summonses issued – total 19,753

Bilston East Ward	1305
Bilston North Ward	877
Blakenhall Ward	977

Bushbury South & Low Hill Ward	1755
Bushbury Ward	583
East Park Ward	1210
Ettingshall Ward	1538
Fallings Park Ward	774
Graiseley Ward	1366
Heath Town Ward	1612
Merry Hill Ward	599
Oxley Ward	509
Park Ward	1310
Penn Ward	369
Spring Vale Ward	749
St Peters Ward	1849
Tettenhall Regis Ward	732
Tettenhall Wightwick Ward	358
Wednesfield North Ward	484
Wednesfield South Ward	797

1b 2017/2018 Summonses issued – total 19,772

Bilston East Ward	1281
Bilston North Ward	842
Blakenhall Ward	975
Bushbury South & Low Hill Ward	1735
Bushbury Ward	587
East Park Ward	1193
Ettingshall Ward	1498
Fallings Park Ward	771
Graiseley Ward	1307
Heath Town Ward	1500
Merry Hill Ward	620
Oxley Ward	534
Park Ward	1382
Penn Ward	337
Spring Vale Ward	703
St Peters Ward	2028
Tettenhall Regis Ward	775
Tettenhall Wightwick Ward	382
Wednesfield North Ward	538
Wednesfield South Ward	784

2a Liability Orders issued 2016/2017 – total 17,517

Bilston East Ward	1148
Bilston North Ward	783
Blakenhall Ward	877
Bushbury South & Low Hill Ward	1567
Bushbury Ward	509
East Park Ward	1044
Ettingshall Ward	1394
Fallings Park Ward	668
Graiseley Ward	1221
Heath Town Ward	1376
Merry Hill Ward	533
Oxley Ward	456
Park Ward	1199
Penn Ward	312
Spring Vale Ward	650
St Peters Ward	1668
Tettenhall Regis Ward	650
Tettenhall Wightwick Ward	306
Wednesfield North Ward	444
Wednesfield South Ward	712

2b Liability Orders 2017/2018 – total 17,885

Bilston East Ward	1161
Bilston North Ward	750
Blakenhall Ward	886
Bushbury South & Low Hill Ward	1586
Bushbury Ward	534
East Park Ward	1098
Ettingshall Ward	1339
Fallings Park Ward	701
Graiseley Ward	1202
Heath Town Ward	1445
Merry Hill Ward	552
Oxley Ward	491
Park Ward	1242
Penn Ward	286

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Spring Vale Ward	625
St Peters Ward	1836
Tettenhall Regis Ward	671
Tettenhall Wightwick Ward	310
Wednesfield North Ward	465
Wednesfield South Ward	705

3. We are unable to provide information in respect of the last question as the courts do not specify which options are to be used when a liability order is obtained.