



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 091548
Date 10 September 2015

Unpaid Business Rates

Request:

Please can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to any ratepayers in the past 6 months who are now currently (i.e the debt has not yet been recovered) involved in recovery action for unpaid business rates, please note that the information requested only relates to Limited companies and any information in relation to individuals is not required.

- Ratepayer Name
- Property Address
- Property Reference Number
- Rateable Value
- Recovery Action taking place i.e demand notice, summons, liability order
- Amount in arrears
- Date recovery action began

Response:

The Council has taken action as follows in regard to companies owing outstanding non-domestic rates for the period covered:

3 companies issued with a summons

115 companies where a liability order has been obtained

Please see attached spreadsheet.

In regard to the disclosure of the details of those involved, the Council will not be making disclosure and is of the view that the disclosure of the requested information would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of both the Council and

individual organisations involved and that Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged, where disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person.

In applying this exemption the Council has balanced the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosure.

There is a clear public interest in disclosing that the Council takes robust action to recover monies owed. The disclosed information clearly indicates that for the period covered such action has been taken.

The Council always seeks value for money and makes every effort to recover monies owed. However, the Council considers until it has obtained a liability order the debt has not been proven and should not be in the public domain until such time and that by disclosing information regarding the identities of debtors during an on-going recovery process to the world-at-large, organisations that owe outstanding amounts will suffer prejudice to their affairs, namely their difficulties will be disclosed to the wider world and that they will suffer demerit and difficulties in obtaining credit. This will also negatively impact the Councils ability to recover the monies owed. In the case of the above cited information, the Council considers that the public interest in withholding this information outweighs the benefits of demonstrating openness and transparency of process at this stage.

Rateable Value	Last Recovery Notice Sent Description	Outstanding Debt	Last Recovery Notice Issue Date
8500	Liability Order	795.00	30/07/2015
4950	Liability Order	6344.96	03/09/2015
42250	Liability Order	2458.31	18/06/2015
31500	Liability Order	1862.08	18/06/2015
14000	Liability Order	6838.87	30/07/2015
4000	Liability Order	2087.00	18/06/2015
9700	Liability Order	3120.00	30/07/2015
14500	Liability Order	7075.00	30/07/2015
38000	Liability Order	28282.99	18/06/2015
7000	Liability Order	635.22	03/09/2015
0	Liability Order	244.48	30/07/2015
2300	Liability Order	1245.71	03/09/2015
66500	Liability Order	21294.11	18/06/2015
32500	Liability Order	13465.00	03/09/2015
32500	Liability Order	11389.00	18/06/2015
27500	Liability Order	12561.23	30/07/2015
111000	Summons	22175.51	24/09/2015
11800	Liability Order	4152.69	30/07/2015
21000	Liability Order	6310.00	03/09/2015
14750	Liability Order	14534.32	30/07/2015
5000	Liability Order	2515.00	18/06/2015
15000	Liability Order	4385.00	03/09/2015
3850	Liability Order	283.91	18/06/2015
4100	Liability Order	1235.00	03/09/2015
21750	Liability Order	10837.75	18/06/2015
40000	Liability Order	40302.17	18/06/2015
12500	Liability Order	6277.50	30/07/2015
12000	Liability Order	6031.00	18/06/2015
19750	Liability Order	9851.75	18/06/2015
2800	Liability Order	1495.40	30/07/2015
20750	Liability Order	10344.75	18/06/2015
7500	Liability Order	3812.50	18/06/2015
13000	Liability Order	6524.00	18/06/2015
0	Liability Order	2302.57	03/09/2015
19500	Liability Order	7566.58	18/06/2015
13250	Liability Order	6475.00	18/06/2015
20750	Liability Order	2772.93	30/07/2015
35000	Liability Order	16757.12	30/07/2015
78500	Liability Order	39748.47	30/07/2015

2250	Liability Order	1000.00	18/06/2015
113000	Liability Order	56868.55	30/07/2015
154000	Liability Order	60087.00	18/06/2015
25750	Liability Order	6029.60	03/09/2015
7300	Liability Order	3619.00	18/06/2015
4300	Liability Order	2179.00	18/06/2015
2900	Liability Order	1566.88	30/07/2015
8400	Liability Order	1927.80	18/06/2015
7800	Liability Order	1238.31	30/07/2015
6200	Liability Order	311.54	18/06/2015
9300	Liability Order	2570.45	18/06/2015
8300	Liability Order	1094.68	18/06/2015
7400	Liability Order	1825.00	03/09/2015
2450	Liability Order	2820.18	18/06/2015
3450	Liability Order	1305.00	03/09/2015
6500	Liability Order	755.90	03/09/2015
890	Liability Order	821.28	18/06/2015
4500	Liability Order	2275.00	18/06/2015
9300	Liability Order	10383.65	18/06/2015
3050	Liability Order	1921.41	18/06/2015
16000	Liability Order	7795.00	18/06/2015
22500	Liability Order	7988.00	18/06/2015
216000	Liability Order	117587.00	03/09/2015
61500	Liability Order	53905.26	18/06/2015
1975	Liability Order	1063.00	18/06/2015
8000	Liability Order	1395.00	18/06/2015
9200	Summons	1293.46	18/06/2015
16000	Liability Order	6752.69	30/07/2015
5100	Liability Order	2563.00	18/06/2015
35500	Liability Order	17616.50	18/06/2015
7300	Liability Order	874.26	18/06/2015
20000	Liability Order	8989.00	03/09/2015
7000	Liability Order	4421.52	30/07/2015
10500	Liability Order	3895.95	18/06/2015
32000	Liability Order	12179.00	18/06/2015
5000	Liability Order	2515.00	18/06/2015
4800	Liability Order	2419.00	18/06/2015
27500	Liability Order	46109.66	03/09/2015
6100	Liability Order	6770.93	30/07/2015
3400	Liability Order	465.99	30/07/2015
27000	Liability Order	10223.99	30/07/2015
15750	Liability Order	7675.00	30/07/2015

16000	Summons	7690.08	24/09/2015
20000	Liability Order	8547.19	03/09/2015
8600	Liability Order	925.12	18/06/2015
15750	Liability Order	714.02	03/09/2015
15750	Liability Order	7075.98	03/09/2015
31500	Liability Order	13688.50	18/06/2015
14500	Liability Order	6355.16	18/06/2015
33500	Liability Order	11998.54	30/07/2015
4400	Liability Order	353.47	18/06/2015
6700	Liability Order	3331.00	18/06/2015
14500	Liability Order	5194.32	03/09/2015
48750	Liability Order	5650.19	03/09/2015
13000	Liability Order	6355.00	18/06/2015
28000	Liability Order	16100.55	30/07/2015
11750	Liability Order	3888.00	03/09/2015
24250	Liability Order	8487.00	03/09/2015
20500	Liability Order	9097.73	18/06/2015
6400	Liability Order	319.80	18/06/2015
19500	Liability Order	11656.00	03/09/2015
9700	Liability Order	4897.10	18/06/2015
1175	Liability Order	1232.43	30/07/2015
12250	Liability Order	4495.00	18/06/2015
6300	Liability Order	133.10	18/06/2015
560000	Liability Order	359306.23	18/06/2015
20000	Liability Order	9975.00	18/06/2015
0	Liability Order	506.39	03/09/2015
20250	Liability Order	5501.19	30/07/2015
33000	Liability Order	38123.95	18/06/2015
11500	Liability Order	4090.24	18/06/2015
85500	Liability Order	52428.12	03/09/2015
6600	Liability Order	274.00	03/09/2015
12000	Liability Order	5090.00	18/06/2015
57000	Liability Order	25405.00	03/09/2015
3500	Liability Order	1429.37	03/09/2015
2650	Liability Order	1189.43	03/09/2015
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95000	Liability Order	5456.85	30/07/2015
22000	Liability Order	10961.00	18/06/2015
4600	Liability Order	2338.00	30/07/2015
25500	Liability Order	1529.31	18/06/2015
25500	Liability Order	1548.86	03/09/2015
3150	Liability Order	285.72	18/06/2015

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3150	Liability Order	288.51	03/09/2015
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3200	Liability Order	288.43	18/06/2015
3200	Liability Order	288.43	18/06/2015
34500	Liability Order	20361.02	18/06/2015
13000	Liability Order	3301.70	18/06/2015
12500	Liability Order	1428.94	03/09/2015
25500	Liability Order	25174.93	18/06/2015
16000	Liability Order	6900.00	30/07/2015
6000	Liability Order	2131.00	03/09/2015
8200	Liability Order	2873.00	03/09/2015
6500	Liability Order	225.00	18/06/2015
12250	Liability Order	4231.00	30/07/2015
15250	Liability Order	7177.54	30/07/2015
2850	Liability Order	269.46	30/07/2015
6000	Liability Order	1524.13	30/07/2015
4900	Liability Order	380.57	30/07/2015
7200	Liability Order	1805.95	30/07/2015
0	Liability Order	466.43	03/09/2015
12000	Liability Order	4571.00	18/06/2015
7500	Liability Order	587.77	30/07/2015
4150	Liability Order	1261.01	30/07/2015
49250	Liability Order	24395.25	30/07/2015
49000	Liability Order	24272.00	30/07/2015
83000	Liability Order	41034.00	30/07/2015
4900	Liability Order	5522.54	18/06/2015
5900	Liability Order	7953.58	18/06/2015
47250	Liability Order	23409.25	18/06/2015
9600	Liability Order	1591.85	18/06/2015
52500	Liability Order	12640.00	30/07/2015
3800	Liability Order	1988.40	18/06/2015