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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1055/17

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like the information to be emailed to me in electronic form.

Please confirm:-

1. In the financial years 2016-17 (full year) and separately 2017-18 (for the period of 1st April 2017 until 31st August 2017):

- I) Total number of summons issued in the Magistrates Court for non-payment either in whole or in part of non-domestic (business rates) rates.
- II) Total number of Liability Orders obtained in the Magistrates Court for non-payment either in whole or in part of non-domestic (business rates) rates.
- III) Total number of referrals made to Enforcement Officers (Bailiffs) to enforce Liability Orders for non-payment

Response:

The information you requested is as follows:

	2016/17	2017/18 to 31/08/2017
Summons issued	71	19
Liability Orders obtained	31	6
Referrals to Enforcement Officers	25	4*

** In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this email message acts as a Refusal Notice.*



We can confirm that we hold the information however we are unable to supply it as we consider this information to be exempt due to the low number of individuals identified.

The Council is relying on Section 40(2) – personal information in that it believes the exemption applies because the information is personal information and we believe that disclosure would not be fair or lawful because it would breach the first data protection principle as outlined in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998. We consider that these individuals would have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

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Yours faithfully

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