



15 June 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 717/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request:

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. The council may process this as two separate requests if it wishes.

Registered voters

1. The current number of registered voters (for general election purposes) in the local authority area, broken down by parliamentary constituency

Answer: 28,830

2. The number of registered voters (for general election purposes) in the local authority area as of 8th June 2017 (i.e. as at the last general election), broken down by parliamentary constituency.

Answer: 28,876

Council tax arrears

3. How many households received working age Council Tax Support during each financial year from 2013/14 to 2017/18?

Answer: The number of household receiving working age Council Tax Support at any point in each year was as follows:

2013/14	1,048
2014/15	985
2015/16	943
2016/17	911
2017/18	854

4. For each year referred to in question 3, how many court summonses for non-payment of council tax were issued?

Answer: The total number of court summonses issued for non-payment of council tax were as follows:

2013/14	1,078
2014/15	1,023
2015/16	1,128
2016/17	912
2017/18	900

5. For each year referred to in question 3, how many of those summonses (as per question 4) were issued to households in receipt of Council Tax Support?

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

6. For each year referred to in question 3, how many of those summonsed who were in receipt of Council Tax Support were charged court costs, and what was the standard rate of costs imposed in each year?

Answer: This information is not held separately for Council Tax Support claimants. The standard court costs for those summonsed were:

2013/14	£67.50
2014/15	£70.00
2015/16	£71.00
2015/16*	£69.00
2016/17	£69.00
2017/18	£69.00

7. For each year referred to in question 3, how many households in receipt of Council Tax Support had a liability order issued against them for non-payment of council tax?

Answer: This information is not held separately for Council Tax Support claimants. The total number of liability orders was:

2013/14	680
2014/15	678
2015/16	686
2016/17	613
2017/18	545

8. With reference to the figures for question 7, how many of those Council Tax Support claimants with a liability order issued against them:

a) Had deduction from benefits requested (2017/18 only)?

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

b) Had enforcement agents (i.e. bailiffs) engaged to recover the debt (all financial years referred to in question 3, broken down by year)?

Answer: This information is not held separately for Council Tax Support Claimants. The total number of account sent to enforcement agents was:

2013/14	345
2014/15	341
2015/16	259
2016/17	188
2017/18	298

If information cannot be provided for any questions for all years within the section 12 cost limit, please restrict the relevant questions to 2016/17 and 2017/18. If information cannot be provided specifically for CTS claimants, please provide information for all council tax payers and state that this is the case.

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Yours faithfully

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