



18 April 2019

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 512/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request/ Response:

1. How many unpaid council tax reminders were sent to councillors elected in your authority between 2015/16 and 2017/18? Please break down by financial year?

Answer:

2015/16	8
2016/17	7
2017/18	3

2. How many councillors were summonsed to court or given summary warrants in the same period? Again, please break down by financial year.

Answer: No councillors were summonsed to court or given summary warrants between 2015/16 and 2017/18.

3a. How many reminders were issued to the councillors named? Please break down by year.

Answer:

2015/16	Cllr A*	2
	Cllr B*	1
	Cllr C*	2
	Cllr D*	1
	Cllr E*	1
	Cllr F*	1
2016/17	Cllr A*	2
	Cllr B*	1
	Cllr C*	1
	Cllr D*	2
	Cllr E*	1
2017/18	Cllr A*	2
	Cllr B*	1

* In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter 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 as it may be possible to identify individuals and this would breach the Data Protection Act 1998 for this reason section 40 exemption applies.

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.

3b. For each instance, please provide the name of each councillor, the party they represent or represented at the time and the amount of council tax owed according to sums requested in the letter. Please also provide the amount of council tax that remains outstanding.

Answer:

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Name of Each Councillor	*	*	*
Party Represent(ed)	*	*	*
Amount of Council Tax Owed	£1252.51	£1017.23	£211.40
Amount of Council Tax That Remains Outstanding	£0	£0	£0

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3c. Please also state for each councillor, whether they were barred from voting on the council's budget as a result of their council tax arrears and whether any summons received resulted in a court hearing going ahead.

Answer: No Councillors were barred from voting on the council's budget as a result of their council tax arrears. No summons were issued.

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Yours faithfully

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