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(CCC) Council Tax (June 22)

I am writing to request information related to the collection of council tax debts via the use of Liability Orders (or Summary Warrants if in Scotland) and related enforcement action. Under the above-mentioned Act I would like you to provide me with the following information please:

For each of the financial years;

2020/2021

2021/2022

Question 1)

How many Court Summons (or Summary Warrants if in Scotland) did your organisation issue for debts relating to Council Tax payments?

Question 2*) *Not applicable to Scotland

How many Liability Orders did your organisation successfully obtain for debts relating to Council Tax payments?

Question 3)

How much total revenue did your organization collect as a result of Bailiffs (or Sheriffs if in Scotland) enforcement action for debts relating to Council Tax payments?

Please kindly supply me with this information electronically by reply to the email address at the top of this request. I look forward to hearing from you within 20 days of receipt of this letter with the above-requested information. I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this request to my email.

Response:

Thank you for your request for information above, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I hope the following will answer your query:

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Q1 - How many Court Summons did your organisation issue for debts relating to Council Tax:

2020/21 = 802

2021/22 = 4417

Q2 - How many Liability Orders did your organisation successfully obtain for debts relating to Council Tax payments:

2020/21 = 666

2021/22 = 3401

Q3 - How many total revenue did your organisation collect as result of Bailiffs enforcement action for debts relating to Council Tax:

We can not give a precise figure as this action is not taken in isolation, meaning we can not say that 'X pounds' was as a direct result of Bailiffs and no other action, however, based on the figures specifically collected by the Enforcement Agents, we can be confident in saying this was at least:

2020/21 = £116k

2021/22 = £331k

We aim to provide a quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response, however if you have any questions, please contact us.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk