

(CCC) £150 Energy Rebate & Household Support Fund in England

1. How many households in your Local Authority area are eligible for the £150 council tax rebate announced by DLUHC in March 2022?

For the avoidance of doubt, I am referring to households eligible for the scheme as per the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-council-tax-rebate-2022-23-billing-authority-guidance/support-for-energy-bills-the-council-tax-rebate-2022-23-billing-authority-guidance>

- a) Of these households, how many pay council tax by Direct Debit, and how many by other means? (e.g. cash / phone / cheque payments)
- b) For households eligible for the £150 council tax rebate that pay for council tax by Direct Debit, how many have now received their £150 payment by July 1st 2022 and how was their payment processed? (i.e. transfer via BACS, postal cheque etc.)
- c) For households eligible for the £150 council tax rebate that do not pay for council tax by Direct Debit, how many have received their £150 payment by July 1st 2022 and how was their payment processed? (i.e. transfer via BACS, postal cheque etc.)

2. Is your council one of the 152 authorities responsible for distributing the Household Support Fund? And if so, could you please tell me how many applications has your Local Authority received for Household Support Fund Payments between December 6th 2021 to July 1st 2022? Please can you provide this information on a month-by-month basis?

For the avoidance of doubt, I am referring to households eligible for the scheme as per the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/household-support-fund-guidance-for-local-councils/household-support-fund-final-guidance-for-county-councils-and-unitary-authorities-in-england>

- a) Of the applications made for the Household Support Fund payments between December 6th 2021 to July 1st 2022, what percentage of applications have been successful?
- b) For households that have received the Household Support Fund payments between December 6th 2021 to July 1st 2022, how was their payment processed? (i.e. transfer via BACS, postal cheque etc.)
- c) A breakdown of number of awards made by type of household (i.e. with children, pensioners)
- d) A breakdown of number of awards made by purpose (i.e. energy and water, food, housing costs, other essentials)
- e) What steps has your Local Authority undertaken to ensure that Household Support Fund payments are being used for their defined purposes?

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Response

1a 24,500 dd , 20,750 non dd

1b 23,426

1c 4,800

2 . Not applicable as we are not responsible for distributing the Household Support Fund

We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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