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### **(CCC) Council Tax arrears**

1. In relation to your collection of council tax for each financial year, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date, please provide the total number of:

- A. reminders issued;
- B. final notices issued;
- C. court summonses issued;
- D. liability orders issued;
- E. attachment of benefit arrangements made;
- F. attachment of earnings arrangements made; and
- G. referrals/ debt passed to enforcement agents;

2. Against how many people did you commence committal proceedings with regard to unpaid council tax in 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date?

3. How many people were committed to prison for non-payment of council tax in 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date?

4. What was the a. Average, b. Longest, c. shortest number of days served in prison by people committed to prison for non-payment of council tax owed to the local authority for each year 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date.

5. How many people were subject to a suspended committal order for non-payment of council tax in 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date?

6. If possible, what was the average amount of council tax arrears owed by people subject to council tax committal proceedings when the proceedings commenced, for 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and April 2022 to date

### **Response**

#### Question 1

A Reminders issued: 17/18 = 6062, 18/19 = 7101, 19/20 = 5769, 20/21 = 3583, 21/22 = 9531, 22/23 = N/a

B Final notices issued: Sorry, all years N/a

C Court summonses issued: 17/18 = 2890, 18/19 = 3182, 19/20 = 2583, 20/21 = 802, 21/22 = 4417, 22/23 = N/a

D Liability Orders issued: 17/18 = 2549, 18/19 = 2849, 19/20 = 2329, 20/21 = 666, 21/22 = 3401, 22/23 = N/a

E AOB: There are currently 631, but we are unable to confirm which year they were each initiated

F AOE: There are currently 382, but we are unable to confirm which year they were each initiated

G Debt passed to Enforcement Agents: 17/18 to 19/20 N/a, 20/21 = Approx £116,000, 21/22 = Approx £331,000, 22/23 = N/a

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Question 2

We did not commence committal proceedings against anyone during the years you request.

Question 3

Please see above.

Question 4

Please see above.

Question 5

Please see above.

Question 6

Please see above.

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](mailto:foi@cambridge.gov.uk)