

**(CCC) Council tax arrears, homelessness, commercial rents**

## Council tax

If the council does not have data for households for questions 1-3, please provide data for individuals.

Questions 1-3 refer to arrears that have accumulated with regard to 2020/21 council tax bills.

1. How many households have been issued with liability orders in relation to council tax arrears from the 2020/21 financial year?
2. How many households have been referred to bailiffs in relation to council tax arrears from the 2020/21 financial year?
3. For how many households has the council requested an attachment to benefits in relation to council tax arrears from the 2020/21 financial year?

## Homelessness assistance

4. Since 1st April 2020, how many people have approached the council for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction Act?
5. Please provide the question 4 figure broken down by the month in which the approach for help was received, for each month from April to November (if available) inclusive.
6. Of the people who approached the council since 1st April 2020 for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction Act (i.e. the question 4 figure), how many have been assessed by the council as being owed the prevention duty?
7. Of the people who approached the council since 1st April 2020 for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction Act (i.e. the question 4 figure), how many have been assessed by the council as being owed the relief duty?
8. Of the people who approached the council since 1st April 2020 for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction Act (i.e. the question 4 figure), how many have been assessed by the council as being owed the main housing duty?
9. How many homeless people were supported into accommodation under the 'Everyone In' scheme in March? This question refers to the initial round of immediate support back in March, rather than any longer term assessment and support that may have occurred in subsequent months.

## Commercial rents

10. How many commercial property tenants does the council have (in the council's role as landlord)?
11. Of the tenants referred to in question 10, how many are at least a month (or four weeks) in arrears on rent?
12. Of the tenants referred to in question 10, how many are at least three months (or 12 weeks) in arrears on rent?
13. What is the total amount of commercial property rent arrears that has accumulated to date during 2020/21 (where the council is the landlord)?
14. Please provide any report or analysis prepared by or for the council since

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Response sent

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March on the property values of the council's commercial property portfolio, particularly in terms of the impact of Covid and related economic effects.

**Response:**

See attached documents as response.

In response to question 14 The Council has made provision for a reduction in rent for all reasons of c4.9% (£434,000) of forecast income in 2020/21. This is an ongoing situation but information is not specifically verified as Covid related or non-Covid.

In July the Council's Strategy and Resources Committee considered a report that presented an overview of the impact of the Coronavirus emergency in the Spring of 2020 on Cambridge City Council's budget for 2020/21. It set out how estimates had been made and the uncertainties within those estimates. It lists the financial support that central government has provided to the council and proposes several actions that the council can take to balance its budget in 2020/21. A copy of the report can be found on our website at

<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/documents/s50657/REP%20Interim%20MTFS%20SR%2020%2007%2006%20v3.pdf>

Further queries on this matter should be directed to <a href="mailto:foi@cambridge.gov.uk">foi@cambridge.gov.uk</a>
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Question 1	Question 2	Question 3

Question 4

Question 5:

April	May	June	July	August

Question 6	Question 7	Question 8	Question 9

Question 10	Question 11	Question 12	Question 13

September	October	November

Question 1	Question 2	Question 3
None	None	None

Question 4
327 households

Question 5:

April	May	June	July	August
50	49	51	50	38

Question 6	Question 7	Question 8	Question 9
91 households	236	12	42

Question 10	Question 11	Question 12	Question 13
346	12	23	302519.23

September	October	November
50	39	

## Homelessness assistance

4. Since 1st April 2020, how many people have approached the council for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction Act?

327 households have been assessed as homeless or threatened with homelessness in the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to date (21<sup>st</sup> October 2020).

5. Please provide the question 4 figure broken down by the month in which the approach for help was received, for each month from April to November (if available) inclusive.

Month	No. of cases assessed
April	50
May	49
June	51
July	50
August	38
September	50
October (to 21/10/20)	39

6. Of the people who approached the council since 1st April 2020 for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction Act (i.e. the question 4 figure), how many have been assessed by the council as being owed the prevention duty?

91 of these households were owed the prevention duty

7. Of the people who approached the council since 1st April 2020 for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction

Act (i.e. the question 4 figure), how many have been assessed by the council as being owed the relief duty?

236 were owed the relief duty

8. Of the people who approached the council since 1st April 2020 for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction Act (i.e. the question 4 figure), how many have been assessed by the council as being owed the main housing duty?

12 of these have been assessed as owed the main housing duty

9. How many homeless people were supported into accommodation under the 'Everyone In' scheme in March? This question refers to the initial round of immediate support back in March, rather than any longer term assessment and support that may have occurred in subsequent months.

42 individual rough sleepers were brought into accommodation in March 2020.