



I would like to request the following information regarding council tax arrears in your jurisdiction.

1. Total Number of Council Tax Arrears Cases

1) There are currently 23,903 Council Tax accounts in arrears as at 07.10.2024.

- a. Please provide the total number of council tax accounts that are currently in arrears as of the date of this request, regardless of whether they have been referred for legal recovery.
- b. Additionally, please provide the total amount of council tax owed across all accounts in arrears identified in part 1a.

The total amount of arrears for the 23,903 cases is £28,455,196.97

2. Top Three Largest Council Tax Arrears by Individual Accounts.

2) The top three largest Council Tax arrears as at 07.10.2024 are as follows

Please provide the top three biggest outstanding council tax arrears owed by account holders as of the date of this request. For each of the three cases, please include:

Arrears amount: £30,289.92  
Post Code: WN1

- The arrears amount
- The length of time since the debt was first referred to recovery or legal action
- The first three digits of the postcode where the account is registered (or, if the area is sparsely populated, the first two digits; if this would still be too revealing of personal data, I'm happy for you to omit this part of the question)

Arrears amount: £27,799.00  
Post Code: WN5

Arrears amount: £21,556.36  
Post Code: M46

Recovery action remains ongoing

3. Referral to Legal Proceedings. How many council tax arrears cases were referred to court for the issuance of liability orders in the financial years

3)

- a. 2022/23
- b. 2023/24?

2022/23 = 17,575  
2023/24 = 15,772

4. Use of Bailiffs. Please provide the number of council tax arrears cases referred to bailiffs for recovery in

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- a. 2022/23
- b. 2023/24.

2022/23 = 8,636 - Liability Orders  
2023/24 = 11,101 - Liability Orders