

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

### You asked:

- a) **How many households were in arrears for their council tax for the first month of this new financial year?**

15,076

- b) **What was the corresponding figure last year?**

6,065

- c) **Of the households in arrears how many are either paying**

**i) council tax for the first time**

6,002

or

**ii) paying increased tax due to changes to the council tax benefit system. If possible, please segment out the two numbers.**

We do not hold this information. Therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

- d) **For the households in arrears, against how many have you launched legal action, e.g. a summons?**

None in the month of April

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Leicester City Council  
FREEPOST (LE985/33)  
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LEICESTER LE1 6ZG  
e-mail: [info.requests@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:info.requests@leicester.gov.uk)

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Water Lane  
Wilmslow SK9 5AF  
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[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

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