

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:

- 1. The total number of Magistrate Court Summons issued for non-payment of business rates for the years 2012/13, 2011/12 & 2010/11**

2010/11	1,790
2011/12	2,397
2012/13	2,018

- 2. The total number of cases referred to Bailiffs for collection of business rates after a liability order has been obtained for the years 2012/13, 2011/12 & 2010/11**

2010/11	1,163
2011/12	1,367
2012/13	1,491

- 3. The total number of cases where Bailiffs have been instructed to undertake walk in possession for non-payment of business rates after the granting of a liability order for the years 2012/13, 2011/12 & 2010/11**

Same as 2) above

- 4. From 1st April 2013, 50% of any business rate debt not collected by a Council will have to be paid to Central Government. Please confirm the amount budgeted for the year 2013/14 for remitting back.**

This statement is incorrect – we do not have to pay the Government 50% of any rates we are unable to collect.

We pay 50% of the amounts we do collect. The budgeted payment to the Government in respect of their share of Business Rates is £46,914,408 in 13/14, being 50% of our estimated rate yield.

- 5. Please provide copies of all internal e-mails, communication, minutes of meetings, memorandums and presentations by the Council dealing with or mentioning the change in point 4.**

There are no memos or anything else mentioning the point in question 4, as the point is incorrect.

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