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RESPONSE SENT:	27/05/2025

Request

Winchester use of bailiffs/enforcement agents to collect council tax debt in 2024/25 and 2023/24

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would like to request the following information.

1. **Tax year 24/25:** The number of times between 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025 that private bailiffs/enforcement agents have been instructed to enforce council tax debts owed to the local authority.
2. **Tax year 23/24:** The number of times between 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024 that private bailiffs/enforcement agents have been instructed to enforce council tax debts owed to the local authority.
 - Please provide a separate figure for each tax year, rather than a combined figure.
 - By “private bailiffs/enforcement agents” we mean those who are self-employed or who work for private companies, including as high court enforcement officers.
 - Please include cases where local authority employees have visited a property to enforce a warrant of control.
3. Do you currently have a policy of exempting recipients of Council Tax Support / Reduction from the use of bailiff action? (Yes/No)

Please provide each set of information above separately in your response. We would prefer to receive your response in electronic format, either included in the body of an email or as an attachment in Excel, Word or PDF format.

Response

1. Tax Year 24/25 - **2140**
2. Tax year 23/24 – **2151**
3. No formal policy

