

RESPONSE SENT: 03/03/2025

Request:

I am writing to request information under FOI about council tax practices.

I know that within three weeks of missing one council tax payment, councils can require residents to pay their full bill within just seven days.

I know that then, if someone fails to pay a council tax bill within a week the council can apply to take your case to court and ask for a 'liability order'.

I am asking in each of the following tax years:

2020/21

2021/22

2022/23

2023/24

2024/25 (so far)

- 1. How many council tax payers have you asked to pay their entire bill within seven days as a result of them missing their council tax payments?
- 2. Of these, how many made the payment in full as requested, and how many did not?
- 3. For those that did not, how many did you apply to take to court for a liability order?

Response

1. The council has issued the following number of final notices in each year:

2020/21 366

2021/22 1458

2022/23 1100

2023/24 1268

2024/25 1331

- 2. Please note that we do not keep a record of this information and I am unable to produce this information retrospectively.
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