

FOI number: **HBC\_FOI\_20200370**  
Date FOI Received: **22/06/2020**  
Department: **Council Tax**  
Title: **Bailiffs and Council Tax debt collection**  
Description: **Use of bailiffs for council tax debt collection**

**Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)**

- 1) Does the council use bailiffs when it comes to council tax debt collection?
- 2) How much has the council spent on bailiffs each year for the last 5 financial years?
- 3) How much money has been accrued by the council via the use of bailiffs each year for the last 5 financial years?

**Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)**

- 1) Does the council use bailiffs when it comes to council tax debt collection?

**Yes**

- 2) How much has the council spent on bailiffs each year for the last 5 financial years?

**The council does not spend anything on the Enforcement Agent – The EA's keep their fees.**

- 3) How much money has been accrued by the council via the use of bailiffs each year for the last 5 financial years?

Please see table:

	Total
2015 to 2016	£835,156.48
2016 to 2017	£774,135.86
2017 to 2018	£628,496.60
2018 to 2019	£560,291.10
2019 to 2020	£631,998.73

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Kind regards

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