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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1199**

I write further to your email dated 18 June 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

### Council tax

5. How many households are eligible to pay council tax in 2020/21?  
*45,791*
6. How many households still owe council tax for April 2020 (i.e. they have not fully paid their council tax bill for April)?  
*2185*
7. How many working age households are in receipt of Council Tax Support?  
*2753*
8. How many working age households in receipt of Council Tax Support still owe council tax for April 2020 (i.e. they have not fully paid their council tax bill for April)?  
*640*
9. Please outline any council tax deferral or waiver policy the council has introduced during the coronavirus pandemic (e.g. the council cancelling Ctax bills for April to June for Council Tax Support recipients). Please state whether the council tax bills for the beneficiaries of these policies are included or excluded from the data for questions 1-8  
*The Council offered a deferral of April and May 2020 instalments to be moved to June and July 2020. This was offered to all Council Tax payers, not exclusively those in receipt of Council Tax Support.  
Any households who opted to have the instalments reprofiled as above, would not be included in the figures for Q6 & Q8.*

### Council housing rent arrears

10. Does the council own council housing stock (including housing owned via an ALMO)? If the answer to question 10 is 'no', please proceed to question 15.  
*Yes.*

11. How many council housing tenant households does the council have?  
*A total of 4148 properties are let at this time.*
12. Of the households in question 11, how many have not yet fully paid their rent for April 2020?  
*1298 of the let properties are in arrears at this time.*
13. How many council housing households does the council have who are in receipt of Universal Credit?  
*874 tenants are in receipt of Universal Credit.*
14. Of the households in question 13, how many have not yet fully paid their rent for April 2020?  
*Information not held.*

#### Discretionary Housing Payments

15. What is the council's Discretionary Housing Payment budget for 2020/21 (comprising both funds sourced from central government and any top-ups by the council)?  
*£167,110.00*
16. How much has the council awarded in Discretionary Housing Payments so far in 2020/21?  
*£26,267.26*

#### Homelessness assistance

17. Since 1st April 2020, how many people have approached the council for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction Act?  
*98*
18. How many of the people who approached the council since 1st April 2020 for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction Act (i.e. the question 17 figure) have been assessed by the council to be 'threatened with homelessness'?  
*33, however please note that, due to the nature of our recording, if someone was threatened with homelessness and then became homeless they would be counted in Q19 and not duplicated here.*
19. How many of the people who approached the council since 1st April 2020 for help with homelessness or the threat of homelessness under the Homelessness Reduction Act (i.e. the question 17 figure) have been assessed by the council to be legally homeless?  
*49*

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If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at [accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk](mailto:accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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