

Derby City Council – Response

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1. Since April 2020, has the council at any point used debt enforcement agencies (or similar service providers) in relation to cases of outstanding council tax debt?

Yes

If the answer to question 1 is 'no', the council should proceed to questions 8 and 9.

2. What are the debt enforcement agencies referred to in response to question 1?

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3. How many council tax debt cases were referred to each of the debt enforcement agencies listed in response to question 2 in each financial year 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23?

See below

Financial Year	The number of cases sent in financial year	Value of those cases so far	Value recovered Excluding fees so far	Fees recovered on cases received in that financial year
2020/21	690	£430,703.70	£122,792.11	£50,137.95
2021/22	6829	£8,128,398.60	£2,015,546.40	£474,354.22
2022/23	8595	£8,672,358.46	£1,786,780.63	£452,356.22

4. How much unpaid council tax debt (preferably including any 'penalty' fees/charges) was referred in total to debt enforcement agencies in the financial



years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 combined? This should be one figure, combining all the debt enforcement agencies and all three financial years

See above – Q3 response

5. How much of the council tax debt stated in response to question 4 was collected after being referred to a debt enforcement agency? Again, this should be one figure combining all agencies and all three financial years (including debt that was collected in a later financial year than when it was referred)

See above – Q3 response

6. The total number of council tax accounts in each council electoral ward in 2022/23 (this is all council tax accounts, not just those carrying debts or referred to debt enforcement agencies). Preferably this should be a whole-year figure, but if that is not possible a snapshot figure will suffice. If possible within the section 12 cost limit, I would like these figures to exclude accounts relating to designated second homes and empty properties

See table below – Q9 response

7. The number of council tax accounts that were referred to debt enforcement agencies for council tax debt collection in 2022/23, broken down by electoral ward. This means those accounts where the referral took place during 2022/23. If possible within the section 12 cost limit, I would like these figures to exclude accounts relating to designated second homes and empty properties

See table below – Q9 response

8. The total number of council tax accounts in each council electoral ward at present (this is all council tax accounts, not just those carrying debts or referred to debt enforcement agencies). This should be the most recent snapshot figure available. If possible within the section 12 cost limit, I would like these figures to exclude accounts relating to designated second homes and empty properties

See table below - Q9 response



9. The number of council tax accounts that currently have unpaid council tax debts relating to financial years prior to 2023/24, broken down by electoral ward. If possible within the section 12 cost limit, I would like these figures to exclude accounts relating to designated second homes and empty properties

See table below

The system does not reflect the newly designated ward boundaries introduced in 2023/24			
Figures are based on numbers of accounts as requested, not number of properties.			
ABBEY	8461		6. The total number of council tax accounts in each council electoral ward in 2022/23 (this is all council tax accounts, not just those carrying debts or referred to debt enforcement agencies). Preferably this should be a whole-year figure, but if that is not possible a snapshot figure will suffice. If possible within the section 12 cost limit, I would like these figures to exclude accounts relating to designated second homes and empty properties
ALLESTREE	6672		
ALVASTON	8943		
ARBORETUM	10705		
BLAGREAVES	5641		
BOULTON	6451		
CHADDESSEN	6223		
CHELLASTON	7246		
DARLEY	8101		
DERWENT	6872		
LITTLEOVER	6271		
MACKWORTH	7982		
MICKLEOVER	7536		
NORMANTON	7496		
OAKWOOD	6508		
OUT OF AREA	86		
SINFIN	6719		
SPONDON	6259		
	124172		
ABBEY	818		Q7. The number of council tax accounts that were referred to debt enforcement agencies for council tax debt collection in 2022/23, broken down by electoral ward. This means those accounts where the referral took place during 2022/23. If possible within the section 12 cost limit, I would like these figures to exclude accounts relating to designated second homes and empty properties
ALLESTREE	67		
ALVASTON	692		
ARBORETUM	1551		
BLAGREAVES	188		
BOULTON	366		
CHADDESSEN	268		
CHELLASTON	263		
DARLEY	474		
DERWENT	479		
LITTLEOVER	178		
MACKWORTH	549		
MICKLEOVER	144		
NORMANTON	881		
OAKWOOD	169		



SINFIN	660			
SPONDON	190			
	7937			
ABBEY	7005		Q8.The total number of council tax accounts in each council electoral ward at present (this is all council tax accounts, not just those carrying debts or referred to debt enforcement agencies). This should be the most recent snapshot figure available. If possible within the section 12 cost limit, I would like these figures to exclude accounts relating to designated second homes and empty properties	
ALLESTREE	6192			
ALVASTON	7947			
ARBORETUM	8866			
BLAGREAVES	5185			
BOULTON	5974			
CHADDESSEN	5811			
CHELLASTON	6652			
DARLEY	6955			
DERWENT	6298			
LITTLEOVER	5701			
MACKWORTH	6857			
MICKLEOVER	6986			
NORMANTON	6562			
OAKWOOD	6000			
OUT OF AREA	91			
SINFIN	6183			
SPONDON	5831			
	111096			
ABBEY	2048		Q9.The number of council tax accounts that currently have unpaid council tax debts relating to financial years prior to 2023/24, broken down by electoral ward. If possible within the section 12 cost limit, I would like these figures to exclude accounts relating to designated second homes and empty properties	
ALLESTREE	200			
ALVASTON	1876			
ARBORETUM	3981			
BLAGREAVES	525			
BOULTON	923			
CHADDESSEN	705			
CHELLASTON	704			
DARLEY	1228			
DERWENT	1313			
LITTLEOVER	506			
MACKWORTH	1394			
MICKLEOVER	433			
NORMANTON	2320			
OAKWOOD	512			
SINFIN	1605			
SPONDON	549			
	20822			

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