

Derby City Council – Response
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This FoIA request relates to the £150 energy bill support payments (sometimes called a 'council tax rebate') issued to Council Tax band A-D households in your area as at 1 April 2022. Further information is here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-council-tax-rebate-2022-23-billing-authority-guidance/support-for-energy-bills-the-council-tax-rebate-2022-23-billing-authority-guidance>

On 2 September 2022, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities reminded local authorities in England to place any unclaimed "core" £150 payments onto council tax accounts for eligible households. This allowed for payment after the "core" scheme closed. See the section titled "Crediting council tax accounts" here: https://web.archive.org/web/20221116231926/https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1102995/220902_Final_CT_Rebate_CTIL-_next_steps_for_Sept_2022_update.pdf

The questions below only relate to the "core/main" £150 scheme. No information is required concerning the separate "discretionary" schemes.

Information Requested	Response
1) For properties where you are the local council, how many properties have an unclaimed "core" £150 on their council tax account?	None
2) How many of the properties in "1)" had at least one individual in council tax exemption class N as at 1 April 2022?	None
3) For properties where you are the local council, how many are recorded as a Home in Multiple Occupation (HMO) for planning purposes but not for council tax purposes?	Under the scheme Local authorities were to provide a payment of £150 to the liable council tax payer of eligible properties or an occupant where the property was exempt, where they occupied a property which met all of the set criteria on 1 April 2022. If a property was Exempt class N (a property solely occupied by a full time student or students but which was not classed a HMO) then they were eligible, identified and paid payment prior to the scheme closing. There was no requirement to

	<p>consider any data held by Planning Departments.</p> <p>The necessary payment was made to an occupant of eligible properties of Council Tax Exempt classes S, U or W prior to the scheme closing on 30/11/22.</p> <p>Payment included payment by BACS, voucher or Council Tax account credit.</p>
4) How many of these properties in "3)" have an unclaimed "core" £150 on their council tax account and had at least one individual in council tax exemption class N as at 1 April 2022?	None
5) What decision(s) has the council made regarding distribution of these unclaimed "core" £150 payments to the eligible 1 April 2022 occupants?	The Council identified all eligible households and made the necessary payment prior to the scheme closing on 30/11/22. Payment included payment by BACS, voucher or Council Tax account credit.

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