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REQUEST

I would like to request the following under the FOI Act:

1) Annually since 2008 (broken down by year, financial or calendar whichever is easiest), please provide the total amount of debt owed to the council by residents that is written off. If this falls within compliance costs, please break figures down by what the debts were for. For example:

Year	Type of debt	Total figure written off
2008	Council Tax	£45,000

2) Annually since 2008, the total figure for Business Rates debt owed to the council (broken down by year, financial or calendar whichever is easiest)

If providing data for this many years does not fall within compliance costs, please provide data for the most recent year and work backwards until it goes beyond compliance costs.

On second thoughts, looking at my FOI request I think I will restrict question one to writing off council tax debts for individuals, rather than any others (e.g. housing benefit, parking fines). I also see that 'residents' might be confusing. By this I mean anyone living within your council paying council tax. May I also make a further request as follows:

3) Annually since 2008 (and broken down by year) the number of court summons issued for unpaid council tax.

RESPONSE

Council Tax debts written off for all years (for individuals and companies) during the financial year:-

2008/2009	£416,517.63
2009/2010	£304,977.43
2010/2011	£282,252.26
2011/2012	£270,336.79
2012/2013	£325,147.17
2013/2014	£130,684.84 (as at 31.12.2013)

The total amount of National Non-Domestic Rates due from individuals and companies (including previous years' arrears) for the financial year:-

2008/2009	£22,283,277.89
2009/2010	£25,131,396.43
2010/2011	£21,602,096.69
2011/2012	£24,270,586.11

2012/2013	£24,880,500.44
2013/2014	£26,542,108.14 (as at 31.12.2013)