

## FOI 289/2015

### REQUEST AND RESPONSE

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would like to request the following information.

- 1) The number of times between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, or the nearest available twelve month period, that private bailiffs have been instructed to enforce debts to the local authority relating to each of the following;
  - a. Council Tax - 4578
  - b. Parking - 86 debts
  - c. Housing Benefit overpayments - 132
  - d. Business Rates - 63
  - e. Commercial Rents N/A
  - f. Any other debt types, including any other overpayments by "private bailiffs" we mean those who are self-employed or who work for private companies, including as high court enforcement officers. Please include cases where local authority employees have visited a property to execute a warrant. N/A
  
- 2) The total amount of money spent between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, or the nearest available twelve month period, by the local authority on instructing private bailiffs to enforce debts owed to the local authority. Please include cases where local authority employees have visited a property to execute a warrant.

No money spent during this period for this type of activity, for Council Tax, Business Rates or Housing Benefit overpayments.

£0 cost to council if debt is not recovered – TDC staff do not enforce Parking warrants.
  
- 3) The number of
  - a. Residential properties 68710
  - b. Business properties that fall within this local authority area. 7994 (includes approx. 3000 beach huts)