

Enquiry CFT/1442: 23 July 2015 and response 31 July 2015

Keywords: Council tax arrears

Please can you provide the following information:

- Amount of council tax arrears owed to City of York Council at the end of the following financial years

2010/11 = £ 5,314,296

2011/12 = £ 5,299,759

2012/13 = £ 5,072,924

2013/14 = £ 5,494,637

2014/15 = £ 5,968,577

- The number of people who are in council tax arrears to City of York Council at the end of the following financial years
Numbers given relate to accounts with a balance of £0.01p or more as at year end

2010/11 = 11,082

2011/12 = 12,167

2012/13 = 12,467

2013/14 = 13,542

2014/15 = 14,383

- The number of people who are in total council tax arrears exceeding £3000 to City of York Council at the end of the following financial years

2010/11 = 155

2011/12 = 206

2012/13 = 225

2013/14 = 250

2014/15 = 292

- The total amount of council tax arrears owed by people who owe more than £3000 to City of York Council at the end of the following financial years

2010/11 = £ 766,536
2011/12 = £ 908,495
2012/13 = £ 966,273
2013/14 = £ 1,096,742
2014/15 = £ 1,309,853

- The number of people who are in total council tax arrears exceeding £10000 to City of York Council at the end of the following financial years

2010/11 = nil
2011/12 = 2
2012/13 = nil
2013/14 = 1
2014/15 = 6

- The total amount of council tax arrears owed by people who owe more than £10000 to City of York Council at the end of the following financial years

2010/11 = nil
2011/12 = £ 22,585
2012/13 = nil
2013/14 = £ 10,313
2014/15 = £ 66,731

- The number of new awards for council tax benefit at City of York Council during the following financial years

2010/11 - 4659
2011/12 - 4183
2012/13 - 4006

- The number of new awards for council tax support/reduction at City of York Council during the following financial years

2013/14 – 3310
2014/15 - 3187

- How many liability orders were applied for by City of York Council that relate to council tax arrears during the following financial years

2010/11 = 7601

2011/12 = 7304

2012/13 = 8907

2013/14 = 8565

2014/15 = 7535

- How many referrals to bailiffs (broken down by which bailiff) were made by City of York Council relating to council tax during the following financial years

2010/11 = 3517

Exact details not held – majority of caseload dealt with by Rossendales est. 90% & 10% dealt with by Walker & Dodds.

2011/12 = 3576

Rossendales = 736

Walker & Dodd = 6

Bristow & Sutor = 780

Equita = 837

Jacobs = 1217

2012/13 = 4791

Rossendales = 1269

Bristow & Sutor = 1409

Equita = 1327

Jacobs = 786

2013/14 = 3870

Rossendales = 1080

Bristow & Sutor = 952

Equita = 871

Jacobs = 967

2014/15 = 3637

Rossendales = 884

Bristow & Sutor = 909

Equita = 873

Jacobs = 971

- How many charging orders (broken down between interim and final) were granted to City of York Council relating to council tax arrears during the following financial years

2010/11 = nil

2011/12 = nil

2012/13 = nil

2013/14 = nil

2014/15 = nil

- How many bankruptcy petitions were applied for by City of York Council relating to council tax arrears during the following financial years

2010/11 = nil

2011/12 = nil

2012/13 = nil

2013/14 = nil

2014/15 = nil

- How much council tax was written off by City of York Council during the following financial years

2010/11 = £ 339,023

2011/12 = £ 293,311

2012/13 = £ 481,450

2013/14 = £ 207,328

2014/15 = £ 372,138

Broken down by the following:

- Written off by City of York Council as uneconomical to pursue
- **2010/11 = £ 8,027**
- **2011/12 = £ 851**

- **2012/13 = £ 15,652**
- **2013/14 = £ 1,957**
- **2014/15 = £ 8,021**

- Written off due to insolvency (eg bankruptcy or debt relief orders)
- **2010/11 = £ 65,477**
- **2011/12 = £ 59,850**
- **2012/13 = £ 106,100**
- **2013/14 = £ 74,909**
- **2014/15 = £ 125,947**

- Written off due to a hardship application by the applicant
- **2010/11 = nil**
- **2011/12 = nil**
- **2012/13 = nil**
- **2013/14 = nil**
- **2014/15 = nil**

- Written off under clause 10 (1) 13A (1) of the Local Government Finance Act 2012
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- **2010/11 = nil**
- **2011/12 = nil**
- **2012/13 = nil**
- **2013/14 = nil**
- **2014/15 = £ 115**

- Written off – other reasons
- **2010/11 = £ 265,518**
- **2011/12 = £ 232,610**
- **2012/13 = £ 359,698**
- **2013/14 = £ 190,952**
- **2014/15 = £ 238,055**