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Request/Response

1. How many liability order proceedings for non-payment of council tax were commenced in 2018/19?
[2845 Summons issued, from which 1,951 Liability Orders were granted.](#)
2. What was the mean average value of council tax owed for the proceedings commenced as identified in question 1?
[Average of the Summonses was £830.15. Average of the Liability Orders was £908.89](#)
[Not including costs – this is just the Council Tax amount.](#)
3. In 2018/19 against how many people did the local authority commence committal proceedings with regard to unpaid council tax?
[2](#)
4. In 2018/19 against how many people did the local authority seek attachment of earnings orders to collect unpaid council tax?
[126](#)
5. In how many cases were these attachment orders successfully made?
[101- Where some payment has been received \(payments may be ongoing\)](#)
6. In 2018/19 against how many people did the local authority seek to collect payments directly from welfare benefits paid by the DWP with regard to unpaid council tax?
[345](#)
7. In how many cases were these requests for deductions from benefits successfully made?
[180 - Cases where some payment has been received \(payments may be ongoing\)](#)
8. In 2018/19 how many people did the local authority commence proceedings to make someone bankrupt due to council tax arrears?
[None](#)
9. What was the mean average level of council tax debt for all the people against whom these bankruptcy proceedings were successful?
[N/A](#)
10. In how many cases was the bankruptcy successfully made?
[N/A](#)
11. What were the total additional charges added to the debt as a result of these successful bankruptcy proceedings including fees charged by the Insolvency Service and Insolvency Practitioners?
[N/A](#)
12. In 2018/19 how many times did the council instruct a bailiff to collect council tax arrears subject to a liability order?
[1,737 Cases referred during this period](#)
13. What was the mean average level of the debts that led to these instructions to bailiffs?
[The average of these cases was £783.77](#)

14. What was the outcome of the council tax committal proceedings identified in question 3?
Case 1 -Attachment to earnings agreed with customer and magistrates. No committal order granted
Case 2- Arrest warrant issued due to non-attendance. Lump sum paid. Remaining balance not paid so warrant actioned. Balance paid prior to hearing. No committal ordered granted.
15. How many people were committed to prison for non-payment of council tax in 2018/19?
None
16. What was the overall total number of days served in prison by all of the people committed to prison for non-payment of council tax owed to the local authority in 2018/19?
N/A
17. How many people were subject to a suspended committal order due to non-payment of council tax in 2018/19?
None
18. How many people subject to a suspended committal order in 2018/19 were subsequently committed to prison because they did not comply with the terms of the suspended order?
N/A
19. How many people subject to a suspended committal order before 2018/19 for non-payment of council tax were committed to prison in 2018/19 because they did not comply with the terms of the suspended order?
N/A
20. In how many cases did the people subject to a committal order in 2018/19 clear the debt and avoid imprisonment?
N/A
21. In how many cases did the people subject to a committal order in 2018/19 and imprisoned subsequently clear the debt and so reduced their prison term?
N/A
22. In how many cases did people subject to a suspended committal order in 2018/19 maintain the required payments for the duration of the order or to date?
N/A
23. What was the total amount of council tax arrears owed by people subject to council tax committal proceedings in 2018/19 when the proceedings commenced?
£6952.53 including costs.
24. What was the total amount of council tax arrears remitted by the local authority in 2018/19 under section 13A of the local government act?
Nil
25. What was the total amount of council tax arrears remitted by the magistrates Court in 2018/19?
Nil