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Dear Matt-Thomas: White,

Reference number: FOI/RAP/05/12/4504

On 18th May 2012 Hertfordshire County Council received the following request for information from you:

" Please provide me with the total council taxes received by you from all councils within your jurisdiction since 2005.

Please provide total figures for years 2005, 2006, 2007 etc

Also, in 2009 st Albans council collected £82,199,136.15 of which they retained 11.64% of this figure, the remainder being paid over to you.

Can you confirm the total figure collected that year by HERTS COUNTY COUNCIL paid by ST ALBANS COUNCIL

Can you further confirm total amounts received in council tax from ST ALBANS COUNCIL for the years since 2005.

Do HERTS COUNTY COUNCIL get to keep all the money they receive from council taxes or do they have to give some amounts to central powers?"

Your request for information has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I can confirm that Hertfordshire County Council does hold the information you have requested.

After establishing how much budget is required to deliver the council's services, and the subsequent amount needed to be collected from council tax, Hertfordshire County Council issues a precept demand notice to the ten district councils within Hertfordshire that administer the billing and collection of council tax.

The district/borough councils (known as billing authorities) not only collect their share of the council tax but also that of Hertfordshire County Council, Hertfordshire Police Authority, and parish/town councils (known as precepting authorities).

The amounts requested to be collected by the district/borough councils on behalf of Hertfordshire County Council for each of the financial years (April to March) were as follows:

	2005/06 £	2006/07 £	2007/08 £	2008/09 £	2009/10 £	2010/11 £	2011/12 £	2012/13 £
Broxbourne Borough Council	33,023,727	35,191,180	37,607,854	39,658,293	41,188,384	41,149,560	41,455,449	41,834,284
Dacorum Borough Council	51,914,283	54,870,580	57,955,748	61,457,348	64,241,988	64,469,894	65,512,196	65,635,379
East Hertfordshire District Council	51,459,426	55,016,835	59,071,739	62,653,650	64,595,169	64,657,879	65,029,756	65,594,407
Hertsmere Borough Council	37,703,971	39,926,918	42,132,524	44,294,568	46,326,197	46,531,021	46,812,966	46,970,721
North Hertfordshire District Council	44,472,029	47,230,421	49,320,100	52,840,605	55,338,674	55,661,009	56,257,122	56,597,358
St Albans District Council	55,195,175	58,551,338	61,854,418	65,106,128	67,965,566	68,339,255	68,671,548	69,105,654
Stevenage Borough Council	25,633,567	26,944,302	28,411,377	30,514,612	31,872,837	31,965,879	32,219,440	32,433,148
Three Rivers District Council	34,891,554	36,836,381	39,011,200	41,245,896	42,871,015	43,068,947	43,120,838	43,503,500

Watford Borough Council	28,660,123	30,530,495	32,312,426	34,068,253	35,624,666	35,848,432	36,665,178	36,982,926
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council	37,014,636	39,398,492	42,109,463	44,607,444	46,749,416	46,972,287	46,917,800	47,166,740
	399,968,491	424,496,942	449,786,850	476,446,795	496,773,912	498,664,164	502,662,292	505,824,117

Hertfordshire County Council does not hold further detail regarding the district/borough councils, Hertfordshire Police Authority, or parish/town councils.

The amount paid over to Hertfordshire County Council by the district/borough councils is used to fund the County Council's revenue budget. There is no requirement to pay any of this over to central government.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us, quoting the reference number on this email. To find out more about Freedom of Information, please visit www.hertsdirect.org/foi

If you are unhappy with the way the County Council has handled your request for information you may request an internal review of the request. This will be carried out by a member of the County Council Legal Services Team, who has had no prior involvement with the request. Requests for an internal review should be sent to the Information Governance Unit at the address above.

If you are unhappy with the outcome of the internal review you are entitled to ask the Information Commissioner to investigate your complaint. You should write to: FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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