



**BARNSELEY**

Metropolitan Borough Council

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**Core Services Directorate**

**Financial Services**

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What do they know

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My Ref: FOIA 4723

Date: 17 January 2020

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Dear Mr Perkins

**Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I wish to confirm that the Core Services Directorate has now completed its search for the information which you requested by e-mail on 17 December 2019.

Your questions and my findings are below:-

**Would you allow your agents to issue an indemnity against prosecution for themselves without the agreement of the council in cases where they have wrongfully seized and to present it to vulnerable people?**

No – We would never allow an Enforcement Agent to remove any goods without prior agreement from the Council.

**Have you ever allowed bailiffs to make their own settlement agreements where goods have to be returned?**

No

**Would you allow enforcement agents to breach the equalities act if it meant your business rates were collected?**

No

**How would you react if they did this without you knowing?**

We would take proportionate action based on the Contract in place.

**If a bailiff said a firm that was being collected from was going to go bust would you tell the bailiff to continue the levy or perform a balance test in the public interests?**

A decision would be made based on the details of the specific case.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me via the details at the top of this letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely,



Neil Copley  
Service Director – Financial Services

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