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Our ref: 2185133

Date: 11 May 2018

Dear Mr Geisherd

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information regarding Council Tax. You have asked for the following information in respect of the last three applications to commit where a person has actually been imprisoned.

1) Whether the papers filed at court included:

i) Copy of each Liability Order for (alleged) CT debt covered in the application

No; please note that the bailiff return document referred to below would only exist if a liability order existed in the first place.

ii) Copy of bailiff return document for each of the CT years claimed in the application

No; the Council takes them to court and they are available should the court wish to review them.

iii) Any statement as to the availability of the service of the Duty Solicitor to the (alleged) CT debtor at court

No. The court conducts the means enquiry and would make this decision as to whether a duty has been adequately offered and available, not the billing authority.

iv) Any statement as to the availability of legal aid to the (alleged) CT debtor at court

No; as per the answer to (iii)

2) Whether the papers sent to the (alleged) CT debtor included:

i) Copy of each Liability Order for (alleged) CT debt covered in the application

No

ii) Copy of bailiff return document for each of the CT years claimed in the application

No

iii) Any statement as to the availability of the service of the Duty Solicitor to the (alleged) CT debtor at court

No; this is verbally provided on the day to the debtor without exception.

iv) Any statement as to the availability of legal aid to the (alleged) CT debtor at court

No

v) Copy of summons-giving place of hearing, date and time, what application is for and whether the summons specifically says that an application is being made to obtain a Warrant for

No; letters were hand delivered to the debtors that included this information.

Please quote the reference number 2185133 in any future communication about this request.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome or the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within **20 working days** of the date of receipt of the response to your original email or letter and should be addressed to:

Information Officer, 10th Floor (front), Lynton House, High Road, Ilford, IG1 1NN or sent to xxx.xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx

If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 01625 545 700
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

John Summers
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