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Dear Mr Mathews

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## Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to council tax debt recovery, which we received on 28 August 2021. I can confirm that North Northamptonshire Council holds the information requested, please find our response in bold:

Can you give me all information that the council holds on the court proceedings used for council tax recovery especially if the council hires out the court buildings for the alleged hearings and on the issue of summons who signs the warrants and by what authority is lawful process being followed.

The Council does not hire out the Court House. Complaints for Summons are signed by the Assistant Director, Revenues and Benefits. Warrants are issued by Magistrates Court. The Council Complies with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for lawful process.

## https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1992/14/contents

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I trust the above is helpful, however if you are dissatisfied with the way we have handled your enquiry or you are unhappy with the response provided, you have the right to request an internal review. You can do this by emailing <a href="mailto:datarequests@northnorthants.gov.uk">datarequests@northnorthants.gov.uk</a> Please quote your reference number.

Please note a request for an internal review should be submitted no later than 40 working days from the date of receipt of this response. The Council is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review beyond this timeframe. A full response to your request for a review will be provided within 20 working days.

If you remain dissatisfied with the Council's internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner (ICO). It is recommended that you contact them no later 3 months from the date of our final response, using the contact details below:



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Yours sincerely

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