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Dear Mr Grey,

**Freedom of Information Request: Council Tax summonses and liability orders**

I am writing regarding your request which I received on 16 September 2011. In your request you asked for information on the number of Summonses and Liability Orders issued by the Council in respect of Council Tax, for each of the financial years since April 1992 to the present.

The earliest we have information regarding summonses and liability orders is going back to 2005/06. The figures shown below relate to the number of summonses issued and the number of liability orders subsequently granted at the appropriate court hearing.

The figures of costs charged reflect both the costs of the summons and liability order and no separate figures are available going back over this period. Any costs charged with regard to summonses which may have been cancelled subsequent to the hearing will not be included in this value.

Year	No. of summonses	No of LO's	Costs Charged
2005/06	38,135	27,776	£1,361 K
2006/07	42,117	30,158	£1,698 K
2007/08	42,918	33,285	£1,865 K
2008/09	51,027	38,100	£2,024 K
2009/10	47,746	36,323	£2,004 K
2010/11	43,173	32,883	£2,251 K

I trust my reply serves to assist in your enquiry. If you have any queries about this letter, please feel free to contact me.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to:

Freepost RLZR-ELTX-RUEH  
Leeds City Council  
PO Box 657  
LS1 9BS

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Leeds City Council.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information & Data Protection Officer