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Please ask for Jonathan Sheward

Our ref: 4393861

Your ref:

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Dear Ms Morris,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information has been considered by Warwickshire County Council under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked us:

I'm writing to you in the hope of obtaining information relating to the number of reminder letters and summons sent to elected councillors in your authority area since 2015/16.

I'd like to know the following:

1. How many unpaid council tax reminders were sent to councillors elected in your authority between 2015/16 and 2017/18? Please break down by financial year?

2. How many councillors were summonsed to court or given summary warrants in the same period? Again, please break down by financial year.

3a. How many reminders were issued to the councillors named? Please break down by year.

3b. For each instance, please provide the name of each councillor, the party they represent or represented at the time and the amount of council tax owed according to sums requested in the letter. Please also provide the amount of council tax that remains outstanding.

Please be advised that information to answer the above questions is not held by Warwickshire County Council.

The issuing of reminders and summonses in respect of Council Tax would be undertaken by the local district and borough councils, as the councils responsible for the collection of this tax.

Therefore, you will need to contact the District and Borough Councils directly for any information that they hold in respect of these questions.

Contact details for these councils are available via their respective websites:

Warwick District Council –

http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20595/the_council_warwick_dc/667/contact_us

Stratford-upon-Avon District Council –

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/council-democracy/freedom-of-information.cfm>

Rugby Borough Council –

https://www.rugby.gov.uk/info/20030/information_and_data/108/freedom_of_information

Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council –

https://www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/info/21004/access_to_information/93/freedom_of_information_act

North Warwickshire Borough Council –

http://www.northwarks.gov.uk/info/200162/data_protection_freedom_of_information_etc/131/freedom_of_information_act-foi

I hope that the above clarifies the situation, but please do not hesitate in contacting me if you have any queries.

3c. Please also state for each councillor, whether they were barred from voting on the council's budget as a result of their council tax arrears and whether any summons received resulted in a court hearing going ahead.

None of Warwickshire County Council's councillors have been barred from voting on the county council's budget owing to Council Tax arrears

However, you will again need to contact the district and borough councils for any information held on their respective councillors.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow,
Cheshire, SK9 5AF.
Phone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Sheward
Information Rights Officer