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Our Ref : JDJ/FOI/232/19  
Your Ref :  
Date : 12 April 2019  
Ask For : Joan Jones  
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Dear Ms Morris

**Request for Information**

Thank you for your email received 12 April 2019 requesting the following information:-

“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.  
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.”

Your request is being considered and will be processed as soon as possible and certainly within the statutory timescale of 20 working days as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) unless the information requested is subject to an exemption or contains a reference to a third party. Please note that under EIR the deadline can be extended to 40 working days for large or complicated requests.

The relevant legislation defines a number of exemptions/exceptions, which may prevent release of the information you have requested. There will be an assessment and if any of the exemption/exception categories apply then the information will not be released. You will be informed if this is the case, including your rights of appeal.

If the information you requested contains a reference to a third party, then they may need to be consulted before a decision is taken on whether the information can be released to you. You will be informed if this is the case.

There may be a fee payable for the information you have requested. This will be considered and you will be informed accordingly. In the event of a fee having to be paid, the 20 working-day time limit or other relevant time limit for the response will be suspended until receipt of the payment.

If you have any further queries, please contact me either in writing at the above address or by telephone on 01773 841601 and quote your ID No 232/19.

Yours sincerely

Joan D Jones (Mrs)  
Civic Links and FOI Officer