

COMPLAINTS AND INFORMATION GOVERNANCE TEAM

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Ms Helen Barker

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Please ask for : Rachel Seddon Direct Line : (01325) 406777

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Dear Ms Barker

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Information Request

Your request for information, received on 29th November 2020, has now been considered.

You requested:

I would like it clarifying what the council's procedure is regarding recovery. For example, I would like it confirming the level of costs and at what stage of recovery they are applied. Also whether an arrangement is possible at final notice or during/after the summons stage and whether this avoids costs/proceeding to liability order. I have been unable to find this specific information on the council's website nor have I been able to find a publicly available debt recovery policy.

Our response:

With regards to recovery, Darlington Borough Council follow national legislation – Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1992.

Summons Costs - £33.50

Liability Order Costs - £44.00

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Yours sincerely

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