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Ms Barker

By Email:

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Dear Ms Barker,

Freedom of Information – Request for Information
Unique Reference: FOI 9968

Thank you for your request for information dated 7 April 2020, and further to our email on 13 May 2020, apologising for the delay in responding to your request. You have requested the following information:

- 1. Does Tameside Council exercise discretion before proceeding under regulation 34(2) of the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1992 to request a summons from a justice of the peace (it may be an automated process)*
- 2. If yes to (1) what factors are taken into consideration*

I am pleased to advise that the Council can provide the information that you have requested.

1. Yes, Tameside Council does exercise discretion before proceeding under regulation 34(2) of the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1992 to request a summons from a justice of the peace.
2. The Councils recovery process for non-payment of Council Tax is undertaken in accordance with the Council Tax (administration and enforcement) regulations 1992. While a range of factors are taken into consideration as appropriate to debtors circumstances the Council will seek to issue Reminder Notices, Final Notices and Summons to protect the Councils interests in terms of the recovery of the debt and where a repayment arrangement of the arrears has failed.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate 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 the Council's decision, you may do so within 40 working days of the date of this response. Please write to Sandra J Stewart, Borough Solicitor, at PO BOX 317, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 0GS.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Commissioner cannot normally make a decision unless you

have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF and at www.ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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