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Please provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Request:**

- **1.**Does your council tax billing authority assign information and data to any partnership service provider or other organisation for the purpose of collection and enforcement of council tax.
- **2.**Please provide a list and give the precise name and/ or company number you have a data sharing policy with. If this is an internal partnership, provide the name of the partnership and department within this partnership and confirm who you share these services with and how they are authorised and who by to process and share this data.
- **3.** Do you give notice of this assignment to the data subject whose data has been assigned or does your assignee give notice instead. And at which stage is a data subject's data processed and shared with your agents.
- **4.**What chose in action and upon which assignment is a claim bought by the council and/or your agents for enforcement. Please state whether the council billing authority agency or other service provider agent is bringing the claim on behalf of your council, in the name of the Council.
- **5.** Please provide the precise sections of the acts, rules and regulations that confirms payment of council tax is mandatory.

## **Response:**

- **1.** Yes.
- 2. Rossendales enforcement agents Website: <a href="www.rossendales.com">www.rossendales.com</a> and Equita enforcement agents Website: <a href="www.equita.co.uk">www.equita.co.uk</a>. You can view the Revenues Privacy Notice using the following link: <a href="https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/42636599/revenues-privacy-notice-250220.pdf">https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/42636599/revenues-privacy-notice-250220.pdf</a>
- **3.** Yes, you can view the Revenues Recovery Policy using the following link: What happens if you don't pay your Council Tax? Cornwall Council
- 4. The legislation which sets out the legal framework for enforcement action, if payments are not made in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, is the Council Tax (Administration & Enforcement) Regulations 1992, as amended and can be viewed using the following link: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jhearth-10.1001/j
- **5.** The council tax was introduced by the Local Government Finance Act 1992 which is a statutory charge and not contractual. Therefore, consent is not required.
  - You can view the Local Government Finance Act 1992 on the <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk">www.legislation.gov.uk</a> website using the following link: <a href="https://www.local.gov.uk">Local</a> Government Finance Act 1992 (legislation.gov.uk)