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Requester

At contact address specified for request number above

10 March 2017

Dear Requester

Re: Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act)

The Authority has considered your request which was received on 10 February 2017 and our response to your questions is shown below.

1 the total number of Council Tax defaulters for the financial year 2015/2016 only;

In accordance with Section 1 (3) of the Act this part of your request was considered to be unclear or ambiguous. On 16 February 2017 we requested clarification as part of our duty under Section 16(1) of the Act to provide advice and assistance, as far as is reasonable to do so:

“Regarding question 1 you have not defined ‘defaulter’ and this is not a term used in Council Tax, could you confirm you are requesting ‘the number of summonses issued during 2015/16 due to non payment of the Council Tax instalments’. If however you are requesting other information could you please clarify what information you require regarding unpaid council tax.”

On 16 February 2017 you responded:

“A defaulter is defined in any dictionary”.

On 16 February we contacted you to advise you:

“the information rights team have been advised by the Council Tax team ‘defaulter’ is not a term used in Council Tax in Nottingham City. A household may not pay their Council Tax on several occasions throughout a year. We will therefore interpret question 1 of your request as follows:

1. the number of summonses issued during 2015/16 due to non payment of the Council Tax instalments.



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If this interpretation is not correct please advise what information you require.”

You have not responded to this email, we have therefore interpreted this part of your request as follows:

The number of summonses issued during 2015/16 due to non payment of the Council Tax instalments.

The number of summonses issued during 2015/16 due to non payment of the Council Tax instalments was 31,259.

2 the total value of outstanding Council Tax for the financial year 2015/2016 only.

The current balance of Council Tax outstanding for 2015/16 is £5,397,000

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Yours sincerely

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