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Requester

At contact address specified for request number above

11<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Dear Requester

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

The Authority has considered your request which was received on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 and our response to your questions is shown below.

- 1) *"Since the Taking Control of Goods (fees) Regulations 2014 came into force, has Nottingham City Council handed any monies which a debtor has paid directly to the authority in respect of his or her council tax liability to its enforcement agent? If so, how much and in how many cases?"*

Since the Taking Control of Goods (fees) Regulations 2014 were introduced monies paid to the Council are handed onto a bailiff in the following circumstances:

- a) The payment fully settles the debt with the bailiff including their fees. In this case the value of the fees is passed to the bailiff;
- b) The debtor clearly indicates that the payment is for the bailiff.

To date we have passed 37 such payments onto a bailiff for a sum totalling £4,131. This compares to £8.3m of debt referred to the bailiffs this year.

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Yours sincerely,

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