



FOI/ EIR request– FOI105005088 (Suffolk Coastal and Waveney)
Title: undefended/ bulk council tax liability orders

Request

Complaints to Magistrates for Council Tax (CT) Liability Orders.

Going as far back as is reasonable (eg 5 years), up to the most recent data available, Please could you provide me with a table of information under the following headings:-

1. Date Of hearing
2. Number of CT Accounts Listed on a Complaint
3. Total Court fee paid
4. Length of hearing defended/undefended
5. Number of CT accounts Liability Order made against
6. Total costs awarded to Billing authority
7. Actual cost of preparing for and attending the hearing

Response

Please see attached spreadsheet which has one sheet for each authority.

For Q4 and Q7 - this information is not held.

The below notes have been provided to us by Capita to further explain the figures extracted.

The number of accounts complaint was laid - This is the number of cases where a summons was issued in respect of the listed hearing date (excluding any set as withdrawn before issue)

The number of cases for each hearing where a liability order was obtained - These are the number of cases where a Liability Order was set as granted in the system.

Justice costs - This is the total of the justice costs transactions initially raised in the system. We cannot take into account any costs subsequently withdrawn or written off by hearing date as these transactions cannot be broken down by hearing date. It's also not possible to confirm the amount of these justice costs that have actually been paid as payment allocation does not account for these separately to the main summons costs

Total amount - This is the total amount of cost transactions raised in the system by hearing date. It does not take into account any costs that have subsequently been withdrawn or written off.

Date

(FOI admin team to complete)

Date received by the Council	05/02/2019
Date response sent to requester	21/02/2019