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Information Disclosure notice

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Subject: Council Tax Summons

Your request:

I have it on good authority that it is customary for billing authorities to increase a Council Taxpayer's outstanding debt by a sum equal to its standard summons costs on issuing a summons to the debtor for late and non-payment.

In the case of East Northamptonshire District Council, I would like disclosing at what stage in Council Tax recovery proceedings are summons costs applied to the debtor's account, pursuant to reg 34(5) of the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1992.

Our response:

Summons costs are applied to the debtors account when the summons is issued.