From: Foi Enquiries

To:
Subject: FOI-17-1883 - Council Tax
Date: 08 January 2018 15:02:07

Attachments: Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear

Thank you for your information request of 7 December 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

## 1. Total residents liable for council tax from years 2002 through to 2017

The number of residents liable for Council Tax is not held as Council Tax is based on chargeable dwellings within the city of Aberdeen.

Properties held as chargeable dwellings for Council Tax as at 31 March in each financial year is as follows

2002 105,448 2003 106,033 2004 106,754 2005 107,440 2006 108,141 2007 108,923 2008 109,889 2009 110,351 2010 110,796 2011 111,186 2012 111,761 2013 112,422 2014 113,202 2015 113,873 2016 114,712 2017 116,173

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **Total residents liable for council tax from years 2002 through to 2017** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

## 2. Full contact details of all the authorised person/persons who have signed the OATH BY CREDITOR on behalf of Aberdeen City Council in relation to council tax alleged debt.

The Oath by Creditor document is signed by senior managers within ACC when making an application for summary warrant to the court.

As the senior managers are below Head of Service level, we are unable to disclose their names and contact details.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on full contact details of all the authorised

person/persons who have signed the OATH BY CREDITOR on behalf of Aberdeen City Council in relation to council tax debt as it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 38(1)(b) in conjunction with 38(2)(a)(i) — Personal Information - of the FOISA.

In making this decision ACC considered the following points:

ACC is of the opinion that Section 38(1)(b) applies to the information specified above as any information held is personal information relating to living individuals, of which the applicant is not the data subject.

ACC is of the opinion that Section 38(2)(a)(i) applies, as we consider that disclosure of this information would be a breach of the first Data Protection Principle (that personal information must be processed fairly and lawfully). These individuals have not consented to the disclosure of their information, and ACC does not consider that they would expect ACC to release this information about them into the public domain under the FOISA.

## a) Please verify the quantity each have signed.

2002/03	n/a
2003/04	13
2004/05	16
2005/06	21
2006/07	21
2007/08	21
2008/09	40
2009/10	39
2010/11	45
2011/12	35
2012/13	24
2013/14	37
2014/15	37
2015/16	33
2016/17	32

This information was previously provided in our response to FOI-17-1010 which can be found here:

https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/aberdeen-cms/files/2017-09/FOI 17 1010 SummaryWarrants Redacted.pdf

3. Full contact details of all the authorised person/persons who have acted as a trustee for sequestration on behalf of Aberdeen City Council in relation to council tax alleged debt.

a) Please verify how often they have acted in this role.

With respect to 3 and 3(a), the following Insolvency Practitioners companies were used between the period 2014 to 2017, and the number of cases is as follows:

FRP Advisory LLP 5
KPMG LLP 10
Invocas 3

Contact details will be available online at each companies website.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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