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Sent: 07 September 2018 08:33
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-18-1151 - Debt Written Off
Attachments: V2 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 14 August 2018. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

I am trying to find out how much your council has written off in terms of debt in the last financial year 2017/18. Also in 2016/17 and 2015/16.

2017/18 - £8,139,642.10

2016/17 - £3,425,346.07

2015/16 - £2,298,162.79

Can you provide details of the reasons for the written off debt for each year mentioned in 1?

Debt was written off for reasons including liquidation, death of debtor and debtor untraceable.

In addition to the debt set out below, the council also wrote off debt relating to service income. In 2017/18, long-standing service income debt that had arisen between 2005 and 2012 was written off, with this write off equating to 1.7% of the total service income due in those years. The amounts of service income debt written off are shown below:

2017/18 - £4,408,439.84

2016/17 - £519,805.96

2015/16 - £384,613.10

The council sets aside an amount every year to provide for the cost of bad debts.

Can you I ask how much of that written off debt is down to council tax for each year mentioned in 1?

2017/18 - £1,452,825.29

2016/17 - £1,001,864.78

2015/16 - £771,657.63

How much of that written off debt was down to rent for each year mentioned in 1?

2017/18 - £323,253.95

2016/17 - £298,056.34

2015/16 - £329,944.80

How much of the written off debt was down to car parking fines in each year mentioned in 1?

2017/18 - £0

2016/17 - £0

2015/16 - £0

How much of the written off debt was down to housing services charges to homeless clients in temporary accommodation in each year mentioned in 1?

2017/18 - £181,517.79

2016/17 - £47,558.32

2015/16 - £25,360.87

How much of the written off debt was down to garage and lockup fees in each year mentioned in 1?

2017/18 – Not applicable

2016/17 – Not applicable

2015/16 – Not applicable

This information is not held separately in the financial ledger. Any write off for this area will be included in the information provided in the rent written off debt.

How much of the written off debt was down to business rates in each year mentioned in 1?

2017/18 - £1,483,651.14

2016/17 - £1,326,842.50

2015/16 - £683,117.37

How much of the written off debt was down to housing benefit overpayments in each year mentioned in 1?

2017/18 - £289,954.09

2016/17 - £231,218.17

2015/16 - £103,469.02

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

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