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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FOI-17-0007 - Council Tax Debt  
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**Attachments:** [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)  
[FOI-17-0007 Appendix.xlsx](#)

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 4 January 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**The following questions constitute a Freedom of Information request**

**(1) How many households were in Council Tax Debt, and what was the total amount of Council Tax debt owed by these households, at the end of each financial year from 2003/04 to 2015/16?**

Unfortunately, the number of households who did not pay their Council tax in each financial year from 2003/04 is not recorded.

The attached spreadsheet indicates the number of Council Tax accounts in arrears which progressed through the different stages of recovery.

It should be noted that where there is more than one liable person named on a Council tax account, separate documentation must be issued for reminders, finals and broken arrangement letters.

Where the account progresses to Warrant Petition, Warrant Granted and Sheriff Officer, the lists indicate all liable person(s) names pertaining to the account as one entry i.e. husband and wife who are jointly liable will have received separate reminders but will only appear once on the list pertaining to the financial year.

However, there can also be separate entries on the lists for more than one financial years outstanding Council Tax which should also be taken into account in the figures on the attached spreadsheet.

The amount of Council Tax (excluding Water and Waste Water) not collected as at 31 March 2016 is as follows

2003/04	£2.252m
2004/05	£2.387m
2005/06	£2.444m
2006/07	£2.491m
2007/08	£2.664m
2008/09	£2.702m
2009/10	£2.851m
2010/11	£2.930m
2011/12	£2.917m
2012/13	£3.059m
2013/14	£3.232m
2014/15	£3.343m

2015/16 £4.996m

**(2) What was the total amount of Council Tax debt (a) repaid and (b) written off during the course of each financial year from 2003/04 to 2015/16?**

The amount of Council Tax (excluding Water and Waste Water) collected as at 31 March 2016 is as follows

2003/04	£72.947m
2004/05	£79,273m
2005/06	£85,726m
2006/07	£89,879m
2007/08	£94,264m
2008/09	£95,418m
2009/10	£95,541m
2010/11	£95,717m
2011/12	£96,602m
2012/13	£98,166m
2013/14	£99,957m
2014/15	£102,115m
2015/16	£101,366m

The amount of Council Tax (excluding Water and Waste Water) written-off as at 31 March 2016 is as follows

2003/04	£905,049.27
2004/05	Information not held
2005/06	£448,937.10
2006/07	Information not held
2007/08	£481,944.32
2008/09	£754,115.75
2009/10	£985,349
2010/11	£1,029,008.45
2011/12	£928,628.17
2012/13	£720,564.32
2013/14	£798,150.51
2014/15	£1,109,889.73
2015/16	£771,657.63

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **the total amount of Council Tax debt written off during the course of each financial year in 2004/05 and 2006/07** 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.

**(3) With regard to the repayments stated in part (2), (a) how many of the households making repayments were doing so through a Debt Payment Programme (DPP)/ Debt Management Plan, and (b) how much was repaid through a Debt Payment Programme/Debt Management Plan?**

Aberdeen City Council do not hold this information, however Accountant in Bankruptcy who

administers these schemes may have this information. Contact details for them can be found here:

<https://www.aib.gov.uk/about-aib/contact-us>

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **how many of the households making repayments were doing so through a Debt Payment Programme (DPP)/ Debt Management Plan, and how much was repaid through a Debt Payment Programme/Debt Management Plan** 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.

**(4) How many objections to Debt Payment Programme/ Debt Management Plan proposals have the council made in each of the financial years from 2010/11 to 2015/16? Please indicate how many of these were objections to (a) initial DPP proposals, and (b) proposals for variation of an existing DPP.**

This information is not held by ACC.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **How many objections to Debt Payment Programme/ Debt Management Plan proposals have the council made in each of the financial years from 2010/11 to 2015/16? Please indicate how many of these were objections to initial DPP proposals, and proposals for variation of an existing DPP** 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.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster  
Information Compliance Officer

#### **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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**ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL  
REVENUES AND BENEFITS  
COUNCIL TAX RECOVERY**

Financial Year	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 1.4.16>19.1.17
Reminders	35,013	37,460	38,471	40,442	37,431	37,774	38,847	39,177	40,389	53,461	44,405	46,937	44,193	45,984
Final Notice	37,929	37,773	35,813	11,209	12,829	10,062	15,226	14,599	17,353	13,868	14,453	25,398	13,468	17,082
Warrant Petition	28,645	27,614	28,677	29,321	30,779	30,215	29,993	33,165	30,192	24,492	29,780	30,042	24,713	25,350
Warrant Granted	23,412	31,183	26,177	28,627	26,489	27,342	27,784	30,203	26,348	21,688	25,478	28,427	22,395	24,704
Sheriff Officer	34,726	22,158	26,160	23,427	25,016	22,860	22,514	24,641	25,027	24,374	25,744	26,891	28,139	21,445
Broken Arrangements	5,136	7,877	8,556	8,490	6,827	3,991	3,415	4,706	4,664	3,096	2,278	3,006	2,190	2,139

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