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Dear [Name Redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your Request

5. How many households are currently subject to the Spare Room Subsidy ('bedroom tax')?
6. Of the households that are currently subject to the Spare Room Subsidy ('bedroom tax'), how many include a current recipient of Employment Support Allowance, Incapacity Benefit or the Personal Independence Payment?
7. How many of the households referred to in response to question 6 are recipients of a disabled facilities grant for their current accommodation?
- Universal Credit rent arrears
If the council does not have its own council housing or ALMO housing stock, please ignore questions 8-19 and proceed straight to question 20 in the next section.
8. How many council housing tenant households are there overall?
9. Of the households referred to in response to question 8, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least one month?
10. Of the households referred to in response to question 8, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least two months?
- PLEASE NOTE - THE FIGURE FOR QUESTION 9 SHOULD INCLUDE THE HOUSEHOLDS REFERRED TO IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION 10.
11. How many council housing tenant households currently receive Housing Benefit (not Universal Credit)?
12. Of the households referred to in response to question 11, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least one month?
13. Of the households referred to in response to question 11, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least two months?
- PLEASE NOTE - THE FIGURE FOR QUESTION 12 SHOULD INCLUDE THE HOUSEHOLDS REFERRED TO IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION 13.
14. How many council housing tenant households currently receive Universal Credit?
15. Of the households referred to in response to question 14, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least one month?
16. Of the households referred to in response to question 15, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least two months?
- PLEASE NOTE - THE FIGURE FOR QUESTION 15 SHOULD INCLUDE THE HOUSEHOLDS REFERRED TO IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION 16.
17. How many council housing tenant households currently receive Universal Credit, whose Universal Credit claim was opened after 1st April 2018?
- With regard to question 17, a claim was "opened" when it started; subsequent alterations to the claim (due to variations in monthly earnings, for example) are irrelevant. Regarding households that moved into the local authority area after 1st April 2018 but had (or may have had) a pre-existing Universal Credit claim already in operation - please categorise these at your discretion, based on what is administratively easiest.
18. Of the households referred to in response to question 17, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least one month?
19. Of the households referred to in response to question 17, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least two months?
- PLEASE NOTE - THE FIGURE FOR QUESTION 18 SHOULD INCLUDE THE HOUSEHOLDS REFERRED TO IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION 19.
- Social housing refusals
20. In 2017/18, how many households towards whom the council had accepted a main homeless duty had their nomination for housing as a homeless household refused by a social housing landlord (including the council itself)?
21. In 2017/18, how many of the households referred to in response to question 20 had their nomination for housing refused by a social housing landlord on grounds of affordability or limited entitlement to welfare assistance? Please break this figure down by each social landlord if possible.

Information not held Q5 to 7

Q8	4200
Q9	674
Q10	378
Q11	2199
Q12	141
Q13	83
Q14	513
Q15	276
Q16	187
Q17	271
Q18	148
Q19	102
Q20	0
Q21	0

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Yours Sincerely

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