

FOI 5928 Response

1. How many unpaid council tax reminders were sent to councillors elected in your authority between 2015/16 and 2017/18? Please break down by financial year?

Two Council Tax Reminders Notices were sent to councillors between 2015/16 and 2017/18. One in the 2015/16 financial year and one in the 2017/18 financial year.

2. How many councillors were summonsed to court or given summary warrants in the same period? Again, please break down by financial year.

One Councillor was summonsed to Court between 2015/16 and 2017/18. That summons was issued in the 2015/16 financial year and the debt due was paid in full on receipt of the summons.

3a. How many reminders were issued to the councillors named? Please break down by year.

3b. For each instance, please provide the name of each councillor, the party they represent or represented at the time and the amount of council tax owed according to sums requested in the letter. Please also provide the amount of council tax that remains outstanding.

3c. Please also state for each councillor, whether they were barred from voting on the council's budget as a result of their council tax arrears and whether any summons received resulted in a court hearing going ahead.

I'd be grateful if you could provide the information for questions 1 and 2 as totals for your authority and present the rest of the information within a spreadsheet with the following columns:

Financial Year - Authority Name - Councillor Name - Party - No of Reminders - No of Summons - Amount Owed According to Reminders - Court Hearing Y/N - Outcome of Hearing - Banned from Voting Y/N - Current Sum Outstanding

The information requested in Questions 3a, 3b and 3c is set out in the table below.

<u>Financial Year</u>	<u>Authority Name</u>	<u>Councillor Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>No. of Reminders</u>	<u>Amount due on each reminder</u>	<u>No. of summonses issued</u>	<u>Amount due on each summons</u>	<u>Court Hearing Y/N</u>	<u>Outcome of Hearing</u>	<u>Banned from Voting Y/N</u>	<u>Current Sum Outstanding</u>
2015/16	Northumberland County Council	A Sharp	Liberal Democrat	1	£128.83	1	£1,312.83	N	N/A	N (See Note 1)	£0.00
2017/18	Northumberland County Council	J Gobin	Labour	1	£31.94	0	N/A	N	N/A	N	£0.00

Notes

1. The amount due was paid on receipt of the summons there were no votes to be banned from between the amount falling due and being paid.

