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## Council Tax Various

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### Information Request and Response by Eastbourne Borough Council

1. *Please supply a copy of your council's procedure for dealing with unpaid council tax, including a timeline of when bailiffs are involved and bankruptcy charges filed.*

**The procedure is available via the link below:**

<https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/council-tax/council-tax-recovery/>

2. *For each of the past five financial years and the year to date to 15.10.2018, please provide:*

*The number of individuals owing outstanding council tax in the following categories of arrears: £0-5k, £5k-10k, £10-15k, etc. in 5k intervals up to £50k+?*

**2013 - 0-5k - 1543**

**2014 – 0-5k - 1586**

**2015 – 0-5k - 1511**

**2016 – 0-5k - 2548**

**2017 – 0-5k - 3569**

**2018 – 0-5k – 1942 – to date**

**There are no amounts above 5k for each year.**

3. *Please state:*

a) *Total spend on bailiff recovery services – **None***

b) *Total recovered council tax by bailiff providers in each of the last five financial years, and the current financial year to 15.10.18*

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2013 - No data held

2014 - £526,347.36

2015 - £998,331.89

2016 - £1,074,807.88

2017 - £762,767.27

2018 - (to date) - £144,519.38

Combined total (2014 – 2018) - £3,623,861.74

**Newlyn PLC**

2013 - No data held

2014 - £4,002.11

2015 - £85,486.38

2016 - £52,423.24

2017 - £86,512.35

2018 - £30,045.55 (to date)

Combined total (2014 – 2018) - £258,469.52

**Combined totals of both enforcement agents**

2013 – No data held

2014 - £530,349.47

2015 - £1,083,818.27

2016 - £1,127,231.12

2017 - £849,279.62

2018 - £174,564.93 (to date)

4. *Please provide a list of all bailiff companies used by your council during the period specified above.*

**Rossendales Limited / Newlyn PLC**

5. *Please state:*

- a) *the number of individuals your council has brought bankruptcy charges against in each of the last five financial years, and the current financial year to 15.10.18. – None*

- b) *Please state how many of these bankruptcy charges that were successful – **Not applicable***
- c) *Please provide a list of all administration companies used by your council for the specified period – **Not applicable***
- d) *Please state the total spend by your council on administration companies for the specified period. – **Not applicable***
- e) *Please state the total cost recovered following a successful bankruptcy charge. – **Not applicable***