

12 June 2019  
Our ref: 5332128

Thank you for your request received on 20 May 2019, for the following information:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you could provide the information requested in the following questions:**

- 1. What was the Minimum Payment under your Borough's Council Tax Support scheme in 2018/19?**
- 2. What is the Minimum Payment under your Borough's Council Tax Support scheme in 2019/20?**
- 3. How many residents receiving council tax support were in arrears with their council tax as of 31st March 2019?**
- 4. What is the total amount of council tax payable from people receiving council tax support in 2018/19?**
- 5. What is the total amount of council tax outstanding from people receiving council tax support in 2018/19?**
- 6. How much did you spend on council tax support in 2018/19?**
- 7. If you have a hardship fund in 2018/19 specifically for CTS claimants in arrears:**
  - a) what was the budget for the hardship fund?**
  - b) how much of the hardship fund was spent in 2018/19?**
  - c) how many CTS claimants were made an award from this hardship fund in 2018/19?**
- 8. Whether the Two Child Limit/Allowance is used to determine the entitlement of families under your Council Tax Support scheme, and if so, how many families' entitlement to CTS was affected by this policy in 2018/19?**

Please don't hesitate to let me know if I can clarify any of these questions.

Many thanks,

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

***1. What was the Minimum Payment under your Borough's Council Tax Support scheme in 2018/19?***

Pensioner's: £0.00 - Working age claimants: 20%.

**2. What is the Minimum Payment under your Borough's Council Tax Support scheme in 2019/20?**

Pensioner's: £0.00 - Working age claimants: 28%.

**3. How many residents receiving council tax support were in arrears with their council tax as of 31st March 2019?**

5,581

**4. What is the total amount of council tax payable from people receiving council tax support in 2018/19?**

£12,048,221.00.

**5. What is the total amount of council tax outstanding from people receiving council tax support in 2018/19?**

£1,512,944.00.

**6. How much did you spend on council tax support in 2018/19?**

£24,274,288.16.

**7. If you have a hardship fund in 2018/19 specifically for CTS claimants in arrears:**

**a) what was the budget for the hardship fund?**

There is no budget set aside for the Council Tax Discretionary Relief Fund, but where a need is identified, provision has been made for funds to be available from the reserve to meet demand.

**b) how much of the hardship fund was spent in 2018/19?**

£112,996.27 was awarded in 2018/2019.

**c) how many CTS claimants were made an award from this hardship fund in 2018/19?**

221

**8. Whether the Two Child Limit/Allowance is used to determine the entitlement of families under your Council Tax Support scheme, and if so, how many families' entitlement to CTS was affected by this policy in 2018/19?**

The two child limit/allowance does not apply to our CTS scheme. (Only applies to HB).

## **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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