

26 February 2020

Our ref: 6035988

Thank you for your request received on 31 January 2020, for the following information:

I am writing to make an open government request for information to support a research project connected with council tax arrears.

What are the fees charged by the local authority when seeking a liability order for council tax and business rates arrears? If there are different fees for different elements of this process please provide all of them. Please provide the amounts for:

a) 2020/21

b) 2019/20

If any of this is unclear, or needs further discussion then please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss them further. If you have additional comments or information that you believe are relevant and may assist me with my research, I would be very grateful if you would supply this. Thank you very much for your assistance. I look forward to hearing from you.

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.

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The costs do not change per financial year and are set as follows:

Business rate:

£130.00 for the issuing of the summons notice

£40.00 for the Liability Order obtained

Council Tax:

£100.00 for the Summons Notice

£25.00 for the Liability Order obtained

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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