

37588 Council Tax & Rent Arrears

Can you please give a breakdown of Council Tax and council rent arrears over the past three year, detailing total owed and number of people payments are attributed to.

Please refer to the Council Tax table below:

Year	Number of Accounts	Value of Accounts
2019	27,611	£14,635,176
2020	30,752	£18,218,631
2021	37,037	£21,566,247

With regards to Council rent arrears, the Council's approach to the collection of rent for Council homes is based around best practice and aims to prevent tenants getting into debt they cannot afford and to keep them in their homes wherever possible. Tenants are encouraged to engage as early as possible with the housing service and a wide range of support and advice services are available to help tenants to meet their rent payment responsibilities.

The figures for cash value of arrears is the cumulative figure at the end of each year for current tenants not the amount of arrears that have accrued within each year. (The cash value of arrears includes all arrears due for the period tenants have held their tenancy).

Year	Cash Value of Arrears (as at 31 March)	Number of Tenants in Arrears
2019/20	£ 6,319,553	6,534
2020/21	£9,378,619	7,918
2021/22	£10,913,841	8,542