

57236 LEZ Debt

Since the introduction of the council's low emission zone (LEZ), how many cases has the council referred to Sheriff services or debt recovery agents to collect debt for non-payment of a penalty issued as a result of driving a non-compliant vehicle in the council's Low Emission Zone?

As of 18 August 2025, 12,688 cases had been exported to Sheriff Officers for processing. This comprises approximately 21% of total LEZ PCNs issued, with the majority (62%) being paid within 14 days of the date of issue.

Of these, how many cases are still outstanding (i.e. the debt has still to be recovered)?

As of 18 September 2025, there were 11,901 cases being progressed by Sheriff Officers. This does not mean that the cases were entirely unpaid, as payment may have been in progress (via a payment plan, for example) or may have been received by the Sheriff Officers but not yet transferred to the Council.

Once a case is exported to Sheriff Officers, it can take time for them to trace and contact the keeper of the vehicle in question.

In total, what is the value of the outstanding cases? I.e. how much money in total is the council still looking to recover from drivers who flouted the LEZ and whose cases were eventually referred to Sheriff services or debt recovery agents?

As of 18 August 2025, the total value of outstanding cases exported to Sheriff Officers was £2,478,289. Please note that this figure is highly dynamic and subject to regular change as payments are made and new cases are exported.