

57335 DWP Third Party Deductions Scheme

Has your council used the DWP Third Party Deductions Scheme to claim money back from Universal Credit claimants in the last year, from September 1 2024 to August 31 2025?

Yes.

If so, how much money did the council recoup for debts using the DWP scheme from September 1 2024 to August 31 2025, and what was the nature of these debts (i.e. please state how much for Council Tax arrears, etc), and how many people did you recoup debts from via the scheme?

Please refer to the table and notes below.

Payments received from Benefits Agency	£1,587,595.63	*85,303 transactions
Reversed Payments	£165.16	15 transactions
Net DWP Collections	£1,587,430.47	

Please note, these figures include all payments received from the Benefits Agency, relating to any benefit deduction, and are not specifically Universal Credit claimants.

*Caveat - There is no way of knowing if these are unique Council Taxpayers, or if some of the accounts are for the same Council Taxpayer.

Nature of Debts - Council Tax arrears