57658 Council Tax Debt

The total amount of council tax debt currently due to the local authority as of the last available tax year (2024/2025).

£151,512,589.71. Data available goes back to 1997/98. Data prior to that is inconsistent and unreliable. This equates to 2.5% of the total billed across that time.

The total amount of council tax debt due to the local authority as of the tax year 2020/2021.

£ 133,314,070.77. Data available goes back to 1997/98. Data prior to that is inconsistent and unreliable. This equates to 2.78% of the total billed across that time.

The total amount of council tax debt which has been held for more than 5 years.

£ 101,680,645.31. Data available goes back to 1997/98. Data prior to that is inconsistent and unreliable. Please note that amendments can be carried out at any time to create, remove, or amend a liability for a prior year, so there is no way of gathering accurate data on debt which has existed for more than five years. The figure provided here is simply the total debt outstanding for the years 1997/98 to 2019/20.

The amount of council tax debt which has been recouped per annum broken down for the past five years from 2020/2021; 2021/2022; 2022/2023; 2023/2024; 2024/2025.

Please refer to the table and notes below.

2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
£8,273,484.97	£6,729,122.47	£5,300,085.99	£6,084,157.99	£5,666,979.98

These are sums recouped relating to each year, recovered since the end of that financial year.

The cost to the local authority of pursuing council tax debts, per annum, broken down for the past five years from 2020/2021; 2021/2022; 2022/2023; 2023/2024; 2024/2025.

It is not possible to quantify such costs.