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Elected Member

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Dear Cllr Bennett-Sylvester

Council Meeting – 15th July 2026

Thank you for your question raised at the Council meeting on Wednesday 15th July. I have set out your question and my response below.

Press reports indicate we referred over 4,500 cases of council tax debt to enforcement agents in 2025/26. How many of these resulted in visits by bailiffs to residents homes?

I can confirm that 4,565 cases were referred to enforcement agents in 2025/26.

The Council has an obligation to collect all Council Tax due, and the use of enforcement agents is one method available. Before the Council refers any debt to enforcement agents it has already pursued other means of collection. A referral is made where a customer does not engage with the Council after a liability order has been obtained.

Enforcement agents carried out 5,587 visits on our behalf during 2025/26. As we continue to refer cases after the end of a financial year this includes visits for debts that relate to years prior to 2025/26 and, in some cases, there were multiple visits to the same property.

From the visits undertaken last year, 476 cases of vulnerability were identified. Such cases are returned to the Council to identify whether further support is required to help those people and whether an alternative method of recovery is more appropriate.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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