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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI504351727

Thank you for your request for information relating to energy bill support payments.

You have requested the following information:

This FOIA request relates to the £150 energy bill support payments (sometimes called a 'council tax rebate') issued to Council Tax band A-D households in your area as at 1 April 2022. Further information is here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-council-tax-rebate-2022-23-billing-authority-guidance/support-for-energy-bills-the-council-tax-rebate-2022-23-billing-authority-guidance>

On 2 September 2022, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities reminded local authorities in England to place any unclaimed "core" £150 payments onto council tax accounts for eligible households. This allowed for payment after the "core" scheme closed. See the section titled "Crediting council tax accounts" here: https://web.archive.org/web/20221116231926/https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/111111/next_steps_for_Sept_2022_update.pdf

The questions below only relate to the "core/main" £150 scheme. No information is required concerning the separate "discretionary" schemes.

1) For properties where you are the local council, how many properties have an unclaimed "core" £150 on their council tax account?

2) How many of the properties in "1)" had at least one individual in council tax exemption

class N as at 1 April 2022?

3) For properties where you are the local council, how many are recorded as a Home in Multiple Occupation (HMO) for planning purposes but not for council tax purposes?

4) How many of these properties in “3)” have an unclaimed “core” £150 on their council tax account and had at least one individual in council tax exemption class N as at 1 April 2022?

5) What decision(s) has the council made regarding distribution of these unclaimed “core” £150 payments to the eligible 1 April 2022 occupants?

For Questions 1 to 5, we are unable to answer the specific questions for your request as we do not have any “unclaimed” payments.

Coventry City Council decided not to run an application process and instead proactively awarded payment to all eligible households. Customers received the funding via either BACS or Post Office voucher. If the Post Office voucher was not cashed, it was cancelled, and the amount was credited to their council tax account.

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Yours faithfully

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