

- 1a) Between 01 January 2020 and 30 June 2023, how many times have bailiffs been deployed by the council?
Please break this down by year.

FIN YEAR	CTAX CASES REFERRED TO EXTERNAL AGENTS	CTAX TOTAL VALUE	NNDR CASES REFERRED	NNDR TOTAL VALUE	TOTAL ALL CASES (CTAX & NNDR COMBINED)	TOTAL VALUE (CTAX & NNDR COMBINED)
2020 - 2021	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0	£0.00
2021 - 2022	4067	£2,703,007.11	0	£0.00	4067	£2,703,007.11
2022 - 2023	8636	£36,935,246.20	554	£2,654,564.13	9190	£39,589,810.33
2023 to date	2539	£1,709,196.25	177	£548,928.67	2716	£2,258,124.92

- 1b) How many individuals does this relate to?
1c) How many companies does this relate to?

The above are details of cases referred to our external enforcement agents for the periods we have data recorded. The above figures do not include cases that have been through our internal enforcement agents as we cannot accurately report on this data. The above figures reflect the suspension on recovery due to Covid and the resumption process. The figures sent to enforcement agents for 21/22 and 22/23 reflect the resumption of action through enforcement agents and the way we had to resume action on cases that were with enforcement agents pre Covid. These numbers may contain duplicate liability orders i.e. where a liability order is returned due to a debtor absconding, the case may be referred again at a later date if a forwarding address is found and attempts to contact the debtor/collect the monies due are unsuccessful.

- 2) In cases where the council deployed bailiffs during this period (01 January 2020 and 30 June 2023) how much debt did this relate to, in total?

CTAX CASES REFERRED TO EXTERNAL AGENTS	CTAX TOTAL VALUE	NNDR CASES REFERRED	NNDR TOTAL VALUE	TOTAL ALL CASES (CTAX & NNDR COMBINED)	TOTAL VALUE (CTAX & NNDR COMBINED)
15242	£41,347,449.56	731	£3,203,492.80	15973	£44,550,942.36

- 3) In cases where the council deployed bailiffs during this period (01 January 2020 and 30 June 2023) what was the smallest amount of debt owed by an individual?

We would not be able to provide this information as service does not record the value of individual cases referred to Enforcement Officers/Agencies.

- 4) Does the council directly employ its own bailiffs/ enforcement agencies, or does it use private enforcement agencies/ companies to do this work on the council's behalf?

Both. Wigan Council has its own Internal Enforcement Officers & also uses external/3rd party enforcement agencies in respect of Recovery of unpaid Council Tax & Non Domestic Rates

- 5) Please provide the names of all bailiff / enforcement companies that have been paid by the council at any time between 01 January 2020 and 30 June 2023.

Finance Response - The agents that we instruct are - Jacobs Commercial Rent Bailiffs; High Court Enforcement (HCE); Wilson and Roe High Court Enforcement.