



## Request

1. How much public money has been paid to third-party bailiff/enforcement companies since 2022?
2. Who are the named contractors and what are the terms of their contracts?
3. How much has been spent on 5G infrastructure, and were those installations granted planning permission?
4. What amount has Wigan Council spent on housing asylum seekers in local hotels, broken down by year?
5. How much public funding has been paid to private security firms, external solicitors, consultants, and NGOs?
6. What is the Council's annual expenditure on council tax enforcement, including legal fees?
7. A public breakdown of spending for all third-party enforcement services and debt recovery since 2022

## Response

3<sup>rd</sup> party Enforcement Agents are utilised to collect unpaid Council Tax, Business Rates and Former Tenants Arrears. They collect their fees for enforcement services provided in accordance with The Taking Control of Goods (Fees) Regulations 2014, not payment from the local authority.

No contracts - Rundles, Marstons and Bristow & Suitor are utilised to collect unpaid Council Tax, Business Rates and Former Tenants Arrears operating under agreed Service Level Agreements.

Nil

22/23 £11k  
23/24 £NIL  
24/25 £NIL

22/23 £1.470m  
23/24 £1.351m  
24/25 £0.872m

Data not recorded, the system and administration costs for Council Tax enforcement include operating systems that span across both Revenues and Benefits functions and include multidisciplinary teams with responsibility for a number of functions including the full billing and administration of Council Tax, Business Rates and other functions such as Housing Rent collection, not solely Council Tax enforcement.

See response at Q1