

Motion from the High Peak Labour Group to Full Council : Council Tax Collection Protocol

Proposed by Cllr Anthony Mckeown

Seconded by Cllr Damien Greenhalgh

This council notes :

1. Budget constraints mean councils face significant pressure to collect all the tax they're owed.
2. That in 2016/17 this council referred 1153 council tax cases to bailiffs.
3. For residents in vulnerable or complicated circumstances intervention by bailiffs can cause unnecessary additional stress and added fees making clearing outstanding debt more complicated.

This council resolves :

1. To put in place a formal policy concerning the use of bailiffs and collection agents covering residents in vulnerable circumstances.
2. Exempt residents in receipt of Council Tax Support from Bailiff action.
3. To sign the Citizens Advice Council Tax Protocol which was jointly developed between the Citizen's Advice and the Local Government Association.