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. 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.

<u>The questions below only relate to the "core/main" £150 scheme</u>. 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?