



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-002, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

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. 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?

Response:

- 1) 72
- 2) 0
- 3) Our database only shows if they are a HMO, not when this status took effect. As a result of this, we are only able to provide a current count of HMOs. At present, there are 58 properties listed as being an HMO.
- 4) 0
- 5) If unclaimed then the council tax account was credited with the £150 payment.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-002.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.