



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-028, please find your question and our response below.

**Request:**

Precepting authorities

1. On your bill under "How your Council Tax is made up" (a) what are precepting authorities? (b) when was the representation made to the people (the public) that's you and 'I' to gain our consent? *"There can be no taxation without representation"*, it is unlawful and unconstitutional.
2. Where is our obligation, that's (you and I) under any (primary or Secondary) legislation to pay for the following:
  - 2.1. Cambridgeshire County Council - A Corporate Enterprise D-U-N-S® Number 219047947
  - 2.2 Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough - A Corporate Enterprise D-U-N- S® Number 221472310 (*current incumbent Darryl Preston*) also registered board member of POLICE DIGITAL SERVICE ICT a Tech company (*Digital ID, Biometrics Facial Recognition, ANPR*), in the interest of 'public safety' Company number 08113293.
    - 2.2.1. Why is the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire company status dissolved on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024?, and
    - 2.2.2. Then on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 re-registered as a limited liability partnership, under the name of BEDSCAMBSHERTS PROPERTY HOLDINGS company number OC450582. A Corporate Enterprise D-U-N- S® Number 231365764.
    - 2.2.3. Then 'dissolved' via compulsory strike-off on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, Just eleven days ago?
  - 2.3. Cambridgeshire Fire Authority (*If you mean the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service*).
  - 2.4. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
  - 2.5. East Cambridgeshire District Council
  - 2.6. Wicken Parish Council
3. All of the above are the Liabilities of the Cambridgeshire County Council, from the funds received by HM Government through the Consolidated Fund. Why are the Local Authorities in England and Wales demanding additional funds from the public? Isn't this known as 'double dipping'? Or Extorting money and Fraud under the Fraud Act 2006?

<sup>1</sup> *Local Government Act 1888 Under Proceedings of Councils and Committees § 79 (2)(2) All duties and liabilities of the inhabitants of a county shall become and be duties and liabilities of the council of such county.*

- 3.1. If this isn't the case, then please explain why (you and I) we are paying taxes through Income Tax, NI and PAYE and collected which goes to the Central Consolidated Fund?
4. All Corporations (operate 'for profit' business) as with Local Councils 'body' corporates and their unauthorised 'third party' business decision partnerships. Therefore under Contract law, in order for a 'debt' to be 'owed' or in arrears, there MUST be a binding contract agreed and signed by both parties having applied their sound minds. Please provide the agreement (*consented to by the public*) by either HM Government East Cambridgeshire District Council? We do not mean Statutory Secondary Legislation either.
- 4.1. Primarily, only body corporate doing business to business can apply a contract by:
- (1) an Offer
  - (2) Acceptance..
  - (3) Consideration.
  - (4) Intention to create 'legal' :relations, not lawful.
  - (5) Certainty of terms. Full disclose must be given.
5. Please provide a complete 'Band E' 'Made up' breakdown of charges for each 'authority, i.e.:
- 5.1. What exactly are the services offered for the additional 'bill/Demand' under the Council Tax bill?
- 5.2. As the East Cambridgeshire District Council is 'for profit' business (body corporate) why can't the Council issue- a valid VAT invoice, as previously requested?
6. Under the Council Tax information 'Who decides how much I pay?', is assessed by the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) another corporate enterprise, D-U-N- S® Number 497114538, and 213627212.
- 6.1. Please provide the legislation evidence that a Body Corporation can assess a private home without any interaction, or a signed with consent to a contract deemed or otherwise?

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Vict/51-52/41/part/V/crossheading/proceedings-of-councils-and-committees>

### **Response:**

- 1a) Precepting authorities are organisations and authorities that provide local services such as education, policing and rubbish collection.
- 1b) There is no requirement to make representation to the people to gain your consent. Council Tax is regulated by statute and no consent is required. Liability for Council Tax is determined by the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the subsequent regulations. It is not contingent upon a person's consent or the existence of a contractual relationship with the council.

- 2) See 1b
  - 2.1) See 1b
  - 2.2) See 1b
    - 2.2.1) The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is not a company and therefore cannot be a dissolved company
    - 2.2.2) See 2.2.1
    - 2.2.3) See 2.2.1
  - 2.3) Cambridgeshire Fire Authority is the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, please see: [cambsfire.gov.uk](http://cambsfire.gov.uk)
  - 2.4) Please see: [cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk](http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk)
  - 2.5) Please see: [eastcambs.gov.uk](http://eastcambs.gov.uk)
  - 2.6) Please see: [wicken-village.org.uk](http://wicken-village.org.uk)
- 3) Please see: [www.local.gov.uk/about/what-local-government](http://www.local.gov.uk/about/what-local-government)
  - 3.1) Income Tax, NI and PAYE do not fund Council Tax
- 4) Liability for Council Tax is determined by the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the subsequent regulations. It is not contingent upon a person's consent or the existence of a contractual relationship with the council.
  - 4.1) See 4
- 5) [Council and committee meetings - Cambridgeshire County Council > Meetings Calendar, Full Council Agenda Pack 25 Feb 2025.pdf](#), [Council and committee meetings - Cambridgeshire County Council > Meetings Calendar, Wicken Parish Council, Cambridgeshire](#)
- 5.1) Police and fire services, leisure and recreation facilities, including parks, libraries and education, care for older residents and those with disabilities, waste collection, including street cleaning and lighting, administrations, including updating birth, death and marriage records 5.2) East Cambridgeshire District Council is not a corporate body, it is a local authority. The Council Tax bill issued is a demand notice and VAT is not payable.
- 6) The Council Tax bands are set by the Valuation Office Agency; the budgets are set by the precepting authorities.
  - 6.1) Liability for Council Tax is determined by the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the subsequent regulations. It is not contingent upon a person's consent or the existence of a contractual relationship with the council.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-028.

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