



# EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 21/22-013 please find your question and our response below.

## **Request:**

### Homelessness

1. The number of households who were initially assessed for eligibility for homelessness support each month in January, February and March 2021 (regardless of the outcome of that assessment)
2. The number of households in question 1 who were assessed as owed the prevention duty, each month in January, February and March 2021
3. The number of households in question 1 who were assessed as owed the relief duty as the outcome of their initial assessment (i.e. not at the end of their prevention duty), each month in January, February and March 2021
4. The number of households who were assessed as owed the main housing duty between January and March 2021 inclusive (NB this will include households whose initial assessment was prior to January 2021; question 4 is not limited to those households covered in the question 1 response)
5. The number of households who were owed the relief duty, between January and March 2021 inclusive, at the end of their prevention duty (NB this will include households whose initial assessment was prior to January 2021; accordingly, question 5 is not limited to those households covered in the question 1 response)

### Council housing rent

Questions 6-14 apply to council housing tenants \*including tenants of ALMOs\*. If the council does not have council housing or an ALMO, please proceed to question 15.

In these questions, the council may use four weeks, 30 days etc, instead of 'one month', and double those figures for 'two months', depending on how it records the information.

6. How many council housing tenant households are there overall?
7. How many council housing tenant households are currently in arrears on their rent by at least one month?
8. How many council housing tenant households are currently in arrears on their rent by at least two months?
9. How many council housing tenant households currently receive Housing Benefit (not Universal Credit)?
10. How many council housing tenant households currently receiving Housing Benefit are currently in arrears on their rent by at least one month?
11. How many council housing tenant households currently receiving Housing Benefit are currently in arrears on their rent by at least two months?
12. How many council housing tenant households currently receive the housing costs element of Universal Credit? If the housing costs element can't be identified, please give figures for those in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of the specific elements (please specify if this is the case)
13. Of the households referred to in response to question 12, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least one month?
14. Of the households referred to in response to question 12, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least two months?

### DHP applications

15. For each month since January 2021 (inclusive), please state how much was awarded in Discretionary Housing Payments that month (monetary value)

16. For each month since January 2021 (inclusive), please state how much was awarded in DHPs that month based on the impact on the claimant of the benefit cap (monetary value)

17. For each month since January 2021 (inclusive), please state how many new awards of DHPs were made that month (numerical value, not monetary value)

18. For each month since January 2021 (inclusive), please state how many new awards of DHPs were made that month where the award was based on the impact on the claimant of the benefit cap (numerical value, not monetary value)

#### NRPF

19. Please state how many applications for homelessness support since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 have been rejected due to the applicant being ineligible for public funds under No Recourse to Public Funds rules – this is an overall figure, not a monthly one

#### **Response:**

##### Homelessness

1. Jan – 26, Feb – 22, Mar – 32
2. Jan – 18, Feb – 16, Mar – 21
3. Jan – 8, Feb – 4, Mar – 9
4. Jan to Mar – 8
5. Jan to Mar – 16

##### Council housing rent

East Cambridgeshire District Council does not own or manage any housing stock, this was passed to Sanctuary Housing many years ago.

##### DHP Applications

15. Jan - £6684.37, Feb - £6338.22, Mar - £5750.11

16. Jan - £4189.88, Feb - £2773.13, Mar21 - £2150.72 (Note: There is no reason for Ben Cap so I have used the 'others' option)

17. Jan – 0, Feb – 0, Mar – 0

18. Jan – 0, Feb – 0, Mar - 0

#### NRPF

19. 0

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 21/22-013

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](mailto: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.