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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 22/23-128 please find your question and our response below.

Request:

1. How many households in your Local Authority area are eligible for the £150 council tax rebate announced by DLUHC in March 2022?

For the avoidance of doubt, I am referring to households eligible for the scheme as per the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-council-tax-rebate-2022-23-billing-authority-guidance/support-for-energy-bills-the-council-tax-rebate-2022-23-billing-authority-guidance>

- a) Of these households, how many pay council tax by Direct Debit, and how many by other means? (e.g. cash / phone / cheque payments)
 - b) For households eligible for the £150 council tax rebate that pay for council tax by Direct Debit, how many have now received their £150 payment by July 1st 2022 and how was their payment processed? (i.e. transfer via BACS, postal cheque etc.)
 - c) For households eligible for the £150 council tax rebate that do not pay for council tax by Direct Debit, how many have received their £150 payment by July 1st 2022 and how was their payment processed? (i.e. transfer via BACS, postal cheque etc.)
2. Is your council one of the 152 authorities responsible for distributing the Household Support Fund? And if so, could you please tell me how many applications has your Local Authority received for Household Support Fund Payments between December 6th 2021 to July 1st 2022? Please can you provide this information on a month-by-month basis?

For the avoidance of doubt, I am referring to households eligible for the scheme as per the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/household-support-fund-guidance-for-local-councils/household-support-fund-final-guidance-for-county-councils-and-unitary-authorities-in-england>

- a) Of the applications made for the Household Support Fund payments between December 6th 2021 to July 1st 2022, what percentage of applications have been successful?
- b) For households that have received the Household Support Fund payments between December 6th 2021 to July 1st 2022, how was their payment processed? (i.e. transfer via BACS, postal cheque etc.)
- c) A breakdown of number of awards made by type of household (i.e. with children, pensioners)
- d) A breakdown of number of awards made by purpose (i.e. energy and water, food, housing costs, other essentials)
- e) What steps has your Local Authority undertaken to ensure that Household Support Fund payments are being used for their defined purposes?

Response:

Please see attachment

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 22/23-128

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.