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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 22/23-241 please find your question and our response below.

Request:

- 1 Does your Local Authority operate a Rent Deposit Scheme (financial support to residents to help them access accommodation in the private rented sector)?
- 2 If so, is your scheme operated as:
 - a) a loan (expectation of repayment),
 - b) a grant (no expectation of repayment) or
 - c) a combination of the two
- 3 What was the total value of loans and/or grants paid under the scheme in 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22
- 4 How many loans and/or grants were awarded in 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22
- 5 If your scheme requires repayment from residents, what was the outstanding debt owed to the Council in relation to the scheme in 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22?
- 6 Excluding payments detailed in question 3, what is the annual cost of operating the scheme (staffing, administration costs) including debt recovery undertaken by council staff if applicable. (Note: If you do not have the means to calculate an exact cost or if doing so will exceed the time limit for FOI responses, please provide an estimate)
- 7 Has the Council commenced legal proceedings against residents to recover debt owed in relation to this scheme in the past four years.
- 8 If so, please advise how many residents have been subject to proceedings during this time?

Response:

- 1 Yes, we operate a rent deposit scheme
- 2 C – it is a combination of loans and grants
- 3 See attachment
- 4 See attachment
- 5 We do not hold this information broken down into the years specified. We hold the total figure relating to existing debt from the start of the Rent Deposit Scheme
- 6 See attachment
- 7 We do not undertake legal proceeding but transfer unpaid invoices to our debt recovery agents
- 8 N/a

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 22/23-241

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.