

**Council Tax and Business Rates
Collection Rates 2014-2015**

Business Rates 2014/2015

Current Year Charges - 2014/2015			
Monitoring Period	% Collected at 30.11.2014	Target 30.11.2014	2014/2015 Target
	76.33%	77.30%	98.50%
Comparison with 2013/2014	% Collected at 30.11.2013		% Collected 31.03.2014
	80.70%		98.40%

The collection rate is slightly lower than the target. It is lower than at the same time last year due to a number of ratepayers now opting to pay over 12 months rather than 10. The position can fluctuate throughout the year and at this stage we are optimistic that we can achieve the year end target.

Previous Years Charges Outstanding in 2014/2015			
Monitoring Period	Amount outstanding at 30.11.2014	Target 30.11.2014	2014/2015 Target
	£1,022,704	£800,000	£480,000
Comparison with 2013/2014	Amount outstanding at 30.11.2013		Amount outstanding at 31.03.2014
	£704,533		£501,507

The arrears are higher than the target and also higher than at the same time last year. We are monitoring the position closely and working with any businesses having difficulty in paying.

Council Tax 2014/2015

Current Year Charges - 2014/2015			
Monitoring Period	% Collected at 30.11.2014	Target 30.11.2014	2014/2015 Target
	76.14%	76.20%	98.20%
Comparison with 2013/2014	As at 30.11.2013		% Collected 31.03.2014
	76.27%		98.10%

The collection rate for the end of November is slightly below the target. We continue to monitor collection levels closely and are optimistic that we can achieve the year end target.

Previous Years Charges Outstanding in 2014/2015			
Monitoring Period	Amount outstanding at 30.11.2014	Target 30.11.2014	2014/2015 Target
	£1,343,377	£1,300,000	£1,040,000
Comparison with 2013/2014	As at 30.11.2013		Amount o/s 31.03.14
	£1,263,367		£1,009,650

The arrears outstanding are slightly higher than the target. Again, we are monitoring the position closely and working with council tax payers having difficulty in paying.