

**Council Tax and Business Rates
Collection Rates 2015-2016**

Business Rates 2015/2016

Current Year Charges - 2015/2016			
Monitoring Period	% Collected at 30.09.2015	Target 30.09.2015	2015/2016 Target
	57.72%	58.10%	98.15%
Comparison with 2014/2015	30.09.2015		% Collected 31.03.2015
	60.08%		98.12%

The collection rate for the end of September is slightly below the target. The target has been lowered compared to the previous year due to more businesses choosing to pay over 12 months which means a higher percentage is now being collected at the end of the financial year. We are monitoring the position closely and at this stage we are optimistic that we can achieve the year end target.

Previous Years Charges Outstanding in 2015/2016			
Monitoring Period	Amount outstanding at 30.09.2015	Target 30.09.2015	2015/2016 Target
	£1,461,930	£1,450,000	£690,000
Comparison with 2014/2015	Amount outstanding at 30.09.2014		Amount outstanding at 31.03.2015
	£1,130,693		£744,809

The arrears are slightly above the target and also higher than at the same time last year. The arrears figure includes balances for some recent increases on previous year charges where payment is being made monthly. We are monitoring the position closely and working with any businesses having difficulty in paying.

Council Tax 2015/2016

Current Year Charges - 2015/2016			
Monitoring Period	% Collected at 30.09.2015	Target 30.09.2015	2015/2016 Target
	57.62%	57.50%	98.12%
Comparison with 2014/2015	As at 30.09.2014		% Collected 31.03.2015
	57.93%		98.08%

The collection rate for the end of September is above the target. The target has been lowered compared to the previous year due to more council tax payers choosing to pay over 12 months which means a higher percentage is now being collected at the end of the financial year. At this stage we are optimistic that we can achieve the year end target.

Previous Years Charges Outstanding in 2015/2016			
Monitoring Period	Amount outstanding at 30.09.2015	Target 30.09.2015	2015/2016 Target
	£1,548,541	£1,500,000	£1,095,000
Comparison with 2014/2015	As at 30.09.2014		Amount o/s 31.03.15
	£1,444,483		£1,123,252

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