

## Council Tax and Business Rates Collection Rates 2010 - 2011

### Business Rates 2010/2011

Current Year Charges - 2010/2011					Comments
	% Collected	August 2010 Target	2010/2011 Target	Revised 2010/2011 Target	
Period	As at 31.08.10	As at 31.08.10	As at 31.03.11	As at 31.03.11	
	54.58%	56.00%	98.45%	N/A	
Comparison with 2009/2010	As at 31.08.09		% Collected 31.03.10	Top Quartile	
	56.33%		98.41%	N/A	

The current collection rate is lower than the target for the end of August and less than at the same time last year. We are monitoring collection levels closely and working with businesses to assist them during the downturn in the economy. However, at this stage we are still optimistic that we can achieve the year end target of 98.45%

Previous Years Charges Outstanding in Current Year (2010/2011)					Comments
	Previous Year Debts Outstanding	August 2010 Target	2010/2011 Target	Revised 2010/2011 Target	
Period	As at 31.08.10	As at 31.08.10	As at 31.03.11	As at 31.03.11	
	£616,345	£500,000	£240,000	N/A	
Comparison with 2009/2010	As at 31.08.09		Amount o/s 31.03.10	Top Quartile	
	£471,660		£238,558	N/A	

The arrears are higher than the target and higher than at the same time last year. Again, we are monitoring the position closely due to the effects of the downturn in the economy but at the moment remain optimistic that we can achieve the year end target of £240k

### Council Tax 2010/2011

Current Year Charges - 2010/2011					Comments
	% Collected	August 2010 Target	2010/2011 Target	Revised 2010/2011 Target	
Period	As at 31.08.10	As at 31.08.10	As at 31.03.11	As at 31.03.11	
	48.20%	48.18%	98.20%	N/A	
Comparison with 2010/2010	As at 31.08.09		% Collected 31.03.10	Top Quartile	
	48.17%		98.18%	N/A	

The current collection rate is slightly higher than the target and higher than at the same time last year which is a very good achievement in the current economic climate. We continue to work with council tax payers having difficulty in paying and are monitoring collection levels closely. At this stage we are optimistic that we will achieve our year end target which is 98.2%

Previous Years Charges Outstanding in Current Year (2010/2011)					Comments
	Previous Year Debts Outstanding	August 2010 Target	2010/2011 Target	Revised 2010/2011 Target	
Period	As at 31.08.10	As at 31.08.10	As at 31.03.11	As at 31.03.11	
	£1,146,000	£1,150,000	£690,000	N/A	
Comparison with 2010/2010	As at 31.08.09		Amount o/s 31.03.10	Top Quartile	
	£1,091,599		£680,499	N/A	

The arrears are slightly higher than the target and higher than at the same time last year. Again, we are monitoring the position closely and working with council tax payers having difficulty in paying, but at the moment remain optimistic that we can achieve the year end target of £690k