

## Freedom of Information Request – Rent Deposit Scheme

Date Received: 26/10/22

### Request and Response:

Does your Local Authority operate a Rent Deposit Scheme (financial support to residents to help them access accommodation in the private rented sector)?

**Yes**

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

**2018/2019 £72,161.05**  
**2019/2020 £48,041.19**  
**2020/2021 £35,019.78**  
**2021/2022 £106,308.53**

4 How many loans and/or grants were awarded in 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22

**2018/2019 83**  
**2019/2020 49**  
**2020/2021 35**  
**2021/2022 67**

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?

**2018/2019 £40,929**  
**2019/2020 £35,263**

**2020/2021 £24,533**

**2021/2022 £26,465**

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.

**Estimate of annual cost to administer the deposit scheme is £9239.10**

(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.

**No**

8 If so, please advise how many residents have been subject to proceedings during this time?

**None**