

Date: 12/06/2019
Our Ref: RFI2686
Your Ref: FOI Request – 7 John Street
Tel: 0300 1234 500
Email: foi@homesengland.gov.uk



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England

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By Email Only

Windsor House
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50 Victoria Street
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Dear ██████████,

RE: Request for Information – RFI2686

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). For clarification, you requested the following information:

With regard to the property at the following address;

7 John Street

Derby

DE1 2LU

It is my understanding Homes England (previously the Homes and Communities Agency) lease the property from Derby City Council.

The HCA leased the property to a sole trader business between November 2012 and October 2017. I understand when the lease expired, the HCA took the decision to not pursue outstanding rent arrears at the property. I would be grateful if you could confirm the following;

- the amount of arrears*
- the date the decision was taken to not pursue the arrears*
- which individual and/or department took the decision to not pursue the arrears*
- how and where the decision was reflected in the HCA's accounting statements*

Response

We are able to confirm that we do hold the requested information. We will address each of your points in turn.

- 1. The amount of arrears** was £15,203.98.
- 2. The date the decision was taken to not pursue the arrears** was 01/11/2017.
- 3. Which individual and/or department took the decision to not pursue the arrears**
The agency had pursued the debt and taken advice that the debt was not recoverable. This view was accompanied by supporting documentation which then formed a write-off proposal. This proposal was approved by the General Manager of Finance and Performance.
- 4. How and where the decision was reflected in the HCA's accounting statements**
The provision for the bad debt was made in our accounts on 31/03/2018. It was written off in October 2018 when the final decision not to pursue the arrears was made. We comply with HMT's (Her Majesty's Treasury) disclosure requirements for Losses and Special Payments.

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The Information Access Team
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Or by email to foi@homesengland.gov.uk

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Information Access Team
For Homes England