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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ06866**

Thank you for your request for information relating to staff overpayments for the last five financial years.

You have requested the following information:

Please could you tell me the total value of recoverable overpayments made to staff and the total value of non-recoverable overpayments made to staff for the last five financial years, including the current financial year? Could you also include the number of instances the recoverable/non-recoverable overpayments were made?

Please refer to the table below and explanatory notes:

Year	Overpayments		Written off		Recovered	%
	Amount	Number of instances	Amount	Number of instances		
19/20	£75,114	49	£16	1	£75,098	99.98%
18/19	£73,636	61	£2,369	2	£71,267	96.78%
17/18	£117,110	96	£5,825	17	£111,285	95.03%
16/17	£67,432	59	£1,162	11	£66,270	98.28%
15/16	£73,089	76	£4,934	7	£68,155	93.25%

Please note:

- The table provided records the overall total of overpayments and recoveries for the core Council (i.e. does not include data for schools)
- We also advise that the data for the current financial year is not yet complete
- It can be seen from the data that over the past four years recovery rates have been consistently above 95%.
- Robust processes are in place for recovering amounts. For current employees these amounts are taken directly from salaries, for leavers we negotiate repayment plans, using our sundry income team and the courts where it is a financially viable option.

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Yours sincerely

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