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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ07257

Thank you for your request for information relating to Debt collection agency tender process.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

I am looking for information regarding your parking fines/council tax/rent arrears/business rates.

1. Do you currently use a debt collection agency or Solicitor? If so was this decided by a tender process or did you simply engage them?

We currently use debt collection agencies which were appointed as a result of a tender process.

2. If there was a tender process are you able to advise when this is being reviewed next?

For everything except parking, the current contracts for enforcement agents ends in May 2021 and a tender process is likely to be undertaken later this year.

For Parking services, the current contract commenced in January 2019 for an initial 2 year period with an option to extend for a further 2 years. With that in mind, we expect to review the current arrangement in October 2020 to determine a way forward.

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If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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