

**1. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER DENNISON TO COUNCILLOR JON BARRY**

Could the Cabinet Member provide, commencing from the 5th April 2001 and finishing 5th April 2011, an annual amount of the unpaid rents for the Lancaster market remaining outstanding at the end of each financial year.

Councillor Barry read the figures from the table below which show the rent and service charge outstanding at 31 March in each of the identified years:

Year	Current tenant arrears	Former tenant arrears
2001	£12,242.00	£86,453.00
2002	£42,927.00	£59,866.00
2003	£51,613.00	£49,904.00
2004	£25,699.00	£30,529.00
2005	£26,919.00	£23,786.00
2006	£40,483.00	£34,002.00
2007	£50,718.00	£19,110.00
2008	£26,283.00	£26,283.00
2009	£65,909.00	£20,229.00
2010	£70,303.00	£7,909.00
2011	£7,093.00	£40,655.00

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In addition, provide for those financial periods, the amounts of monies 'written off' as financially not recoverable from the tenants/companies involved.

Councillor Barry gave the overall figure of £10,109.00 and said he would provide Councillor Dennison with further written information showing the amounts of monies written off in each of the years identified. (*This is shown in the table below.*)

	Write off
2001	
2002	
2003	£1,530.00
2004	£2,830.00
2005	
2006	£882.00
2007	£418.00
2008	
2009	£3,080.00
2010	£1,369.00
2011	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,109.00</b>

**3 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID KERR TO COUNCILLOR EILEEN BLAMIRE**

At any of her meetings with the Leader of Lancashire County Council, was any mention made of the close down of the bus information system (scheduled for 1st December 2001) at Lancaster Bus Station and 4 other towns?

Councillor Blamire replied that no mention was made but the County Council had said, just like all public services, they were facing difficult decisions as a result of reducing public expenditure.

**4 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID KERR TO COUNCILLOR EILEEN BLAMIRE**

Have any of these meetings considered future budget cuts which could affect the Lancaster District?

Councillor Blamire replied no, and that perhaps Councillor Kerr might wish to talk to the appropriate County Councillor in his area about this issue.

**5 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR KEITH BUDDEN TO COUNCILLOR KAREN LEYTHAM**

I have seen on numerous occasions in the local paper that people have given their home address as Council properties in Bolton le Sands that are allocated to people over retirement age.

They clearly do not qualify on age grounds, can you explain?

Councillor Leytham explained that Lancaster City Council had a variety of housing, general needs housing, older people housing, sheltered housing and housing for the disabled and all council housing was let in accordance with the council's Housing Allocations Policy.

The bungalows in Bolton-le-Sands were let in accordance with the policy and the Council's current policy said that only applicant(s) aged over 60 would be eligible to bid for a bungalow. The only exceptions to this would be if an applicant or member of their household was a permanent wheelchair user or had been sanctioned a bungalow on medical grounds by the Council's District Medical Officer.

The policy set out who the council could let a bungalow to and was a local policy that the council had established, however it did not stop a tenant taking in lodgers or sub-letting.