

Wiltshire Council

Council

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Questions from Councillors

From Cllr Nicholas Fogg, Marlborough West Division

To

Cllr John Brady, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Risk

Question 1

How many businesses have applied for rate relief in the county and, in particular, in towns such as Marlborough and Devizes by specific number?

Response

20 applications received so far 2012/13 (6 awards made - 4 still being determined - 10 refused)

1 application received for Devizes (refused)

3 for Marlborough (refused)

Question 2

What has been the overall cost through the county and, again specifically, for Marlborough and Devizes?

Response

Total cost to Wiltshire council £7869.08 to date for 2012/13

No awards have been made in Devizes or Marlborough

Question 3

What publicity and promotion has the council undertaken to ensure that businesses in difficulties in these hard times are aware that they can apply for discounts?

Response

Details of all discounts and exemptions are on the council's website, with application forms.

Question 4

Have the Chambers of Commerce in all Wiltshire's main towns been given promotional material?

Response

No, but we use the Wiltshire Business Support Service to help determine each application. They are fully aware of the scheme.