

**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.