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**Request:**

- 1. Does your Local Authority operate a Rent Deposit Scheme (financial support to residents to help them access accommodation in the private rented sector)?**

This information is refused under FOI under section 21, as the information is accessible by other means. Details of the scheme are on the NTC website here: <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1367/housing-advice>.

- 2. If so, is your scheme operated as:**
  - a. a loan (expectation of repayment),**
  - b. a grant (no expectation of repayment) or**
  - c. a combination of the two.**

N/A- There are no loans or grants paid out as part of the scheme.

- 3. What was the total value of loans and/or grants paid under the scheme in 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22?**

N/A

- 4. How many loans and/or grants were awarded in 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22?**

N/A

- 5. If your scheme requires repayment from residents, what was the outstanding debt owed to the Council in relation to the scheme in 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22?**

N/A



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6. Excluding payments detailed in question 3, what is the annual cost of operating the scheme (staffing, administration costs) including debt recovery undertaken by council staff if applicable.

(Note: If you do not have the means to calculate an exact cost or if doing to will exceed the time limit for FOI responses, please provide an estimate)

Information not held - This detail is not recorded as there is no specific staffing/admin cost - this scheme is part of a wider area of service. Under FOI we wouldn't provide an estimate figure.

7. Has the Council commenced legal proceedings against residents to recover debt owed in relation to this scheme in the past four years.

N/A

8. If so, please advise how many residents have been subject to proceedings during this time?

N/A

If any of the information requested is unavailable or cannot be provided in accordance with the Act, please provide partial responses or estimates (indicating as such).