



# Troubled by Council Tax Arrears?



## Have you received a **Liability Order** for your Council Tax arrears recently?

If Yes – it's very important to **Take Action** now!

A liability order allows a local authority to make arrangements for the arrears to be paid by deductions from your Income Support, Employment and Support Allowance, Jobseeker's Allowance or wages, or for bailiffs to seize your goods to the value of the amount owed. Alternatively, you could be sent to prison by the magistrate's court if you do not pay.

### OPTIONS available to you include:

- Contacting South Somerset District Council (SSDC). If you offer to pay the whole amount (including charges) they must accept your offer. If you're on Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance, you can ask the local authority to accept a small offer or deductions direct from your benefits, instead of sending bailiffs.
- If you would like to make an affordable offer of repayment to SSDC, please call into South Somerset CAB at 40-42 Hendford, to pick up the Self-Help Booklets from our receptionist.
- Or go online to [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk) and search for 'Council tax arrears' – or 'Bailiffs' or 'Help with Debt'

### About Bailiffs and Council Tax Arrears

Once a liability order is made for council tax arrears, the local authority can authorise the bailiffs to take your things away, they don't need to go back to court. The authorisation the local authority gives to the bailiffs is called a **warrant of execution**. A bailiff is someone whose job it is to take away things belonging to people who owe money. The things are then sold and the money used to pay back the debts.

If you need any further help with this matter refer to  
[www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk) 'Bailiffs'

If you need help with **managing your money**, **debt** or your **liability order**.  
Please call: **South Somerset CAB on: 01935 421167**