

The Taking Control of Goods Regulations 2013 determines the costs that enforcement agents can apply. If it is necessary to refer a Council Tax or Non Domestic Rates debt to our appointed enforcement agency because it remains outstanding, then they will send a 'Notice of Enforcement' letter by post or other electronic means to encourage payment of the outstanding arrears.

In order to avoid the debt shown as outstanding being referred to our enforcement agents, you must adhere to the notice supplied with this document. If you do not, then the outstanding balance will be automatically referred once the timescale for you to comply expires.

**Please be advised that an immediate cost of £75.00 is incurred once the debt has been referred. Furthermore, the Council will not be able to mediate in any repayment terms and you must deal with the enforcement agent direct once they have been instructed.**

Customers who have been referred and ignore the notice of enforcement will move on to the "enforcement stage". This involves a visit from a certified enforcement agent, who can take control of your possessions with a view to selling them in order to pay off the debt that is owed. If you are moved to the enforcement stage, an additional fee of £235.00 is incurred. If the debt is over £1,500.00, the enforcement stage fee is even higher.

## **The Cost of Enforcement**

The Government has set the following enforcement costs. Details are contained in the Taking Control of Goods (Fees) Regulations 2014.

### **Fees recoverable under Regulation 4**

<b><u>Stage</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Enforcement Notice	<b>£75.00</b>
Enforcement Agent Visit to Take Control of Goods	<b>£235.00</b> + if the debt is above £1,500, 7.5% of the amount above £1,500
Enforcement Visit to Remove Goods	<b>£110.00</b> + if the debt is above £1,500, 7.5% of the amount above £1,500

### **Where Removal & Sale Takes Place**

Storage Costs	Actual Costs
Locksmith Costs	Actual Costs
Any Relevant Court Application Fees	Actual Fees

### **Auctioneers Costs Where the Sale is Held on the Auctioneers Premises**

Auctioneers Commission	Not Exceeding 15% of the Sum Realised
Auctioneers Out of Pocket Expenses	Actual Costs
Reasonable Advertising Costs	Actual Costs

### **Auctioneers Costs Where the Sale is Held on Other Premises**

Auctioneers Commission	Not Exceeding 7.5% of the Sum Realised
Auctioneers Out of Pocket Expenses	Actual Costs
Reasonable Advertising Costs	Actual Costs
Internet Auction Costs	Actual Costs
In Some Circumstances Exceptional Costs will Apply	Agreed by the Court

### **If you are having financial difficulties please contact one of the following:**

- Ryedale Citizens Advice Bureau at [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk) or on tel 03444 111 444
- National Debtline at [www.nationaldebtline.org](http://www.nationaldebtline.org) or on tel 0808 808 4000
- Money Advice Service at [www.moneyadviceservices.org.uk](http://www.moneyadviceservices.org.uk) or on 0800 500 5000