

Defences against a liability order

If you don't have a valid defence, the court will make a liability order and you must pay your council tax in full or make a payment arrangement.

If you don't, we'll take action to recover what you owe.

Valid defences against the making of a liability order are:

- an unauthorised officer of the council is attempting to obtain the liability order
- there's a defect in your payment instructions (your bill has been calculated incorrectly)
- less than 14 days have elapsed from the issue of your demand notice and your first instalment falling due
- payment has been made in full and you can provide a valid receipt
- no reminder notice was issued
- the council has defective computer evidence
- you have an administration order in progress through the County Court, which includes your outstanding council tax
- documents have been served incorrectly
- you're not joint and severally liable for the period in question
- you're subject to bankruptcy proceedings that have been started against you
- the debtor is deceased
- council tax has not been properly set
- property is not entered into the valuation list.