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Council tax rebate scam (22 November 2010)

Trading Standards would like to make people aware of a possible scam affecting residents in Southend.

Geraldine Vint, Consumer Advice Officer, said: "The caller states they are from the County Council and as council tax has been paid regularly and on time, they offer a refund of between £7,000 and £8,000.

"The caller then gives a telephone number, 02081 444642, and an approval number, asking that the number is not given to anyone. Our informant was then asked to hand over their bank and credit or debit card details as an amount of £99 would be paid to Western Union Charity."

Anyone receiving such a call should report the matter to Consumer Direct on 08454 040506.

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