

Vale of Glamorgan Council

# The Council are taking me to Court for Rent Arrears



## If after 28 days of serving the Notice of Seeking Possession, you still:



Owe rent to the Council

Have not made an arrangement to repay the amount.

Have not kept any previous arrangement made, then the Council will write to you and tell you that legal action is going to be taken against you.

The Council will decide what type of Order it will seek at the Possession Hearing. It will ask the Court to award one of the following Orders:

- **Possession Order** – If serious efforts are not made to repay the amount owed before the Court Hearing, the Council will ask that the Court awards possession of your home to the Council.
- **Suspended Possession Order** – If you have made efforts to reduce the amount owed the Council may seek a Possession Order but ask that it is suspended subject to you making weekly repayments, which have been previously agreed at the interview.
- **Judgement for Claim Fee** – If you repay the amount owed before the Court Hearing, the Council will ask the Court to award an Order for the Claim fee (which is the amount paid by the Council for issuing the Summons for Possession of Land).
- **Adjournment** – If it is felt that there are certain issues that need to be dealt with before the Court can deal with the matter, then the Council will ask that the matter be adjourned for a minimum of 28 days. The County Court will notify both you and the Council of the new Possession Hearing date.

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## Useful Phone Numbers:-



Housing Rents Section	01446 709512 01446 709513
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Housing Benefits Section	01446 709244
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Housing Services (Homelessness)	01446 709523 01446 709794 01446 709839
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Shelter Cymru (Cardiff)	02920 654951
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Citizens Advice Bureau

A list of Legal Aid Franchise Solicitors is available from:

Legal Services Commission  
Marland House  
Central Square  
Cardiff  
Tel:- 02920 388971