



Freedom of Information Request FOI1764

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, i would like to request the following information from the Business Rates Department.

I would like a list of all Non domestic properties within your authority. This needs to include all of the below (where Available).

Business Name (If not a Sole Trader) Full Address of Property The Rateable Value of the Property All Business Rates Relief applied to the property Status, either active, dissolved, in liquidation or in administration

Any Arrears On the Account

If the property has Credit showing on the account. The amount of the Credit. The date the Credit on has been applied. The reason for the Credit. (if Known)

If the property has Write On showing on the account. The amount of the Write On. The date the Write On on has been applied. The reason for the Write On. (if Known)

If the property has Write Off showing on the account. The amount of the Write Off. The date the Write Off has been applied. The reason for the Write Off. (if Known)

Again this needs to include all of the below but only where available.

I appreciate that elements of this request may already be available, however i have studied the available requests and found that they do not meet my needs or this request.

Submitted on 25/09/19.

Response:

Your requests for a list of all Non Domestic properties and all reliefs are refused under section 21, information accessible to the applicant by other means, of the Freedom of Information Act. The reason for this is that this information is published on a quarterly basis at the following link: <http://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/486/business-rate-accounts-data> A comparison between the Complete Property List and All Reliefs spreadsheets will provide you with the information you request. Any information held which is not yet published is exempt from disclosure in answer to this request under section 22, information intended for future publication. The information was last updated on 16 August 2019.

Your request for information regarding arrears on business rates accounts is refused under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as this is exempt information as release of this information could prejudice the commercial interests of the company.

Your requests regarding credits and write on's are refused under Section 31 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The reason for this is that there is a public interest in ensuring that monies from the public purse, such as rebates on business rates accounts, are not fraudulently claimed and also a public interest in not making it easier for fraud to be committed.

For further information please see the Information Commissioner's Decision notices at the following links

<https://ico.org.uk/media/action-weve-taken/decision-notices/2017/2013485/fs50619844.pdf> and

<https://ico.org.uk/media/action-weve-taken/decision-notices/2018/2173119/fs50671834.pdf>

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Your request for information regarding write offs on business rates accounts is rejected under section 12 (1) as the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The only report that would identify the information requested would include only an account number. Each of those account numbers would have to be manually checked to determine whether the liable entity was exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Act. With over 18,000 accounts to check taking 1 minute per account would take over 300 hours.