



Reference: RFI 1806040

Request:

Please can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom Of Information Act 2000 In a Microsoft Excel Format:

The most up to date list you can obtain with;

- (a) All Commercial property addresses in a list format with their Rateable Values
- (b) The names of the Rate payers referred to above for each property and their correspondence address (if different from the property address)
- (c) The Trading Name
- (d) The full billing authority reference for each property (property reference, not account number please)
- (e) The current liability payable for the year 2018/ 2019
- (f) The date the occupier first became liable for the business rates
- (g) If the property is empty that date it became empty
- (h) Please also state which hereditament is currently receiving
 - i) Charitable rate relief (mandatory rate relief)
 - ii) Discretionary rate relief
 - iii) Empty property rate relief
 - iv) Listed building exemption
 - v) Retail Relief
 - vi) Small Business Rate Relief
 - vii) Transitional Relief
 - viii) Any other relief

(i) Date the relief/s first applied to the account

In accordance with the ICO Torbay decision, I would appreciate it of this Council did not withhold the names of sole traders and partners. In the circumstances of the Torbay case the individuals were private landlords or sole traders and the Commissioner concluded that disclosure of their names would not breach the first data protection principle as the information relates to the business activities of the individuals concerned and not activities they undertake simply or solely in their private lives. The Commissioner concluded that disclosure would be fair and meet schedule 2 condition 6 of the Data Protection Act.

Response:

Your request is 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>

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.

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making reference to the ICO Torbay Decision, 10th February 2015 - this decision relates to the disclosure of Private Landlords/Sole Traders names and the amounts of Housing Benefits paid to those Landlords in question, as they were the top 20 landlords receiving the largest amounts of housing benefit (excluding housing associations) within the financial year. Therefore this Decision is not related to the disclosure of Sole Traders/Partners operating from a business premises