



North Tyneside Council

Reference: FOI1652

Request:

I am looking to obtain a report, in excel format, of any outstanding business rate credit balances to cross reference against our client database only. Where possible, the report should include the following: -

1. Account Name (Redacted if the business is not a limited company)
2. Amount of credit
3. Address of the Property
4. BA Reference Number
5. Period/Year the credit relates to

Response:

Your request is 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 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

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