

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Business Rate Accounts

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

"We request, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the following information for each current ratepayer, preferably on an emailed Excel spreadsheet:

- Ratepayer name
- Billing Authority property reference
- Rate Account Number
- Full Address of the property concerned
- The Billing Address
- Type of relief if applicable
- Start date of the relief
- The monetary amount of the relief or the percentage amount applied
- Whether the property is occupied or empty
- The liability start date
- The current rateable value

I am aware that you may not wish to supply the name of the ratepayer where this is considered to be personal information. In these cases I would request that you provide the remainder of the information requested with the ratepayer name redacted."

Answer:

For your information this letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because an exemption under Section 21 of the Act is being applied, namely the information is accessible by other means, the Council Website, as it is already in the public domain.

The information requested is available using the following link:

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/data/>

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information please contact the Information Governance Manager using the details below.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.