

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Business Rates

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

You asked for:

A list of all live business rates accounts with a 2010 list Rateable Value greater than or equal to **£25,000**.

- Property Reference Number (also known as Billing Authority Reference Number) of the property on which the charge is made. Please note that this is **not** the Rate Demand or Rate Account Number.
- Current rateable value
- Account holder name
- Property address
- The **billing address** (where different to the property address), the contact **telephone number** and **email address**
- The date the current ratepayer became liable for the business rates – **we do not require any historical account liability dates only the current ratepayers liability start date**
- Where a property is currently empty please provide the date the ratepayer became liable for empty rates
- Where there is an exemption on the account please provide the start and end date and type of exemption applied (e.g. listed building)
- Where there is a relief on the account please provide the date it was applied and the type of relief (e.g. charity)
- **We do not require any personal information or sole traders.**

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.