

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – business rate relief

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

You asked:

1. **The number of businesses in the Local Authority Area receiving 100% business rate relief.**

4,425

2. **Details of any connection existing between these businesses and the Local Authority or Councillors.**

We don't hold the information linking a business receiving relief to a councillor. A councillor may declare details of businesses they run as part of their declaration of interest document, but this would not state whether or not they receive rate relief. Therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1. of the Act, this information is not held by the Council.

3. **Details of any other funding that these businesses receive from the Local Authority.**

No other details are available regarding any other funding

4. **Details of any justification given for providing 100% business rate relief to these businesses.**

In line with our policy, guidance and legislation

The legislation allows you to use the information supplied for your own personal use, or for journalistic purposes. If the information is a dataset (which does not relate to the environment), you may also use the information for commercial re-use under an [Open Government Licence](#).

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 may also seek independent advice from 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 requests until the internal appeals process of the Council has been exhausted. You are therefore advised to appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.