



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000397
Date 30 August 2016

Small Business Rate Relief

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, could you please provide me with the following information:-

A complete list of business premises that are currently occupied with Rateable values under £18,000 that are currently NOT in receipt of Small Business Rate Relief. I request the list to include the following information for each premises:

- a. Occupier (Where Possible)
- b. Full Business address
- c. Rateable Value
- d. Property Description
- e. Rates Liability (Rates Payable)
- f. Date they are liable from
- g. An indication of whether the account is live or not
- h. Billing Authority reference number

I fully understand that where the occupier is a sole trader, you are prevented from supplying me with the occupier name under the Data Protection Act. I would therefore reiterate that ***I am not asking for the occupier name in the case of sole traders*** and am only requesting information relating to (b) to (h) above.

Where possible, it would be helpful if this information could be provided in an excel format.

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following link:

<http://data.wolverhampton.gov.uk/View/business>

Please note: the rates payable for the year can be worked out by multiplying the rateable value by the yearly multiplier, which is 48.4p in the pound for 2016/17.

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>