



## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Business Rates Relief Scheme***

#### **Request:**

I would like to submit an FOI request regarding the Business Rates Relief Scheme announced in the March 2017 Budget, which allocates £300 million to local authorities over four years from 2017-18.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/discretionary-business-rates-relief-scheme>

Regarding the Scheme, I would like to know:

- (a) whether your council has already begun distributing to local businesses the funding made available for 2017-18 as part of the Relief Scheme?  
*We have not yet distributed any funding however we expect to start making awards to businesses as soon as the detail of our scheme has been approved on 13 September 2017.*
- (b) If the answer to (a) is yes, how much (in £s) has already been allocated to local businesses?  
*Not applicable*