



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001450
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Revaluation Relief

Request:

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000.

In accordance with the provisions specified within the above Act I hereby request information relating to the Council's current or intended policy concerning Revaluation Relief (otherwise known as Revaluation Support)

Required Information:- The eligibility criteria for Revaluation Relief set out in the Council policy. Specifically;

- What is the maximum rateable value to which this relief will be applied.
- What is the minimum increase (%) in rateable value of a business property between the 2010 and 2017 valuation periods required in order for an application to be considered.
- How will Revaluation Relief be calculated (in terms of percentage savings and number of financial years applicable)
- Will eligibility be determined by the length of time the applicant has been located in the authority boundary.
- Any other factors relevant to the consideration of the eligibility of a business for this relief.

Please note that this request is concerned with the centrally funded Discretionary Revaluation Relief and **not Transitional Relief**, which is applied automatically.

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://wolverhampton.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s51277/Business%20Rates%20Discretionary%20Relief.pdf>

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.

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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>

Details of the cabinet decision will be published on the council's web site