

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20200339**
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Department: **Business Rates**
Title: **Business rate data request**
Description: **Business rates data**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and subject to section 40(2) on personal data, could you provide me with the following current business rates account data for your local authority.

Please note that I do not require any personal data or data in respect of sole traders or partnerships. This is a request for information in respect of companies, charities, councils and other organisations only.

This request is only in respect of businesses that are deemed to be occupied for business rates purposes. Do not provide any information in respect of properties that are considered to be empty or unoccupied for business rates purposes.

The provision of this information is in the public interest as your authority is currently awarding grants and discounts worth tens of millions of pounds to ratepayers. Nationally, councils are awarding grants and discounts worth tens of billions of pounds to companies and organisations, some of which have turnovers of billions of pounds. Some of these ratepayers may previously have been reported as engaging in activities that aim to reduce the amount of tax that they are liable to pay. As such, I believe that the provision of this information is in the interest of taxpayers and the wider public.

- Property Reference
- Liable Party Name
- Property Address
- Rateable Value
- Property Description
- Billing or Correspondence address
- Liability Start Date
- Current entitlement to any Reliefs or Discounts (do not include details of any empty property reliefs) • Start date of the entitlement to any current reliefs or discounts

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

This information is already available on our website via the following link:

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Business/Business-Rates/business-rates-freedom-of-information.aspx>

If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests together with a complaints/appeals procedure is available in our reception or via our website at:

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Your-Council/Official-Publications--Guides--Policies/Access-to-Information.aspx>

The Information Commissioner oversees the application of the Freedom of Information Act. You may contact the Information Commissioner at:

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Wycliffe House, Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545700
Website: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

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