



Reference: FOI-364

Request:

Please can you provide the following:

1. The average annual business rates costs, or current liability payable, for the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022
2. What is the total value of business rate relief granted by the local authority in the last 12 months
3. Of the total number of businesses who applied for business rate relief, how many were successful

Can the above mentioned information please be supplied electronically in excel format and the data be categorised as per the bullet points above.

Response:

1. This information is refused in answer to this request under section 21, information accessible to the applicant by other means.

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3. There is no report that the Authority can produce or create to identify whether enquiries are for applications for relief or regarding any other business rate enquiry. The only way it could be gathered would be to manually examine each business rates piece of correspondence from the past 12 months to determine if an application for relief has been applied for and whether this has been successful or not.

Therefore, this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.



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In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been considered. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

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