



South Tyneside Council

Date: 5th February 2021
Our Ref: FOI 21 0038

Gavin Chait
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Dear Mr Chait

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your Freedom of Information Request received on the 13th January 2021.

Your request asked for the following information:

Your Request

In terms of the Freedom of Information Act of 2000, and subject to section 40(2) on personal data, could you please provide me with your local authority's complete and most-recently updated list of all business (non-residential) property rates data, including the following fields:

Billing Authority Property Reference Code (linking the property to the public VOA database reference)

Firm's Trading Name (i.e. property occupant or ratepayer)

Full Property Address (Number, Street, Postal Code, Town)

Occupation/Vacancy status

Date of Occupation / Vacancy

Actual annual rates charged (in Pounds) and/or categories of reliefs/exemptions granted

If you are unable to provide an absolute "Occupation / Vacancy" status, please provide the Exemptions and / or Reliefs that a particular property may be receiving.

Council's Response

South Tyneside Council does hold the information you have requested, however I have decided to withhold some of the information you have requested under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act relating to 'personal information'. Please see the attachment.

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Internal Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of this enquiry you can invoke the Council's internal review procedures to ask for an independent review of your request. All such requests must be sent to us within 4 weeks and must clearly state in writing your reference number and your reasons for your request for internal review.

The Information Governance Team can be contacted at the following address:
Information Governance Team, Town Hall and Civic Buildings, Westoe Road, South Shields, NE33 2RL.

Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

Should you remain dissatisfied with the final outcome of the internal review process you can write to the Information Commissioner to ask for an independent review. The Information Commissioner is the Government's Independent Body responsible for overseeing the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please do note the ICO will only review cases that have exhausted the Council's internal review procedures. All correspondence to the ICO must quote the Council's reference number and your reasons for your appeal.

The ICO's contact details are as follows: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF. More information can be found on the ICO's website at www.ico.org.uk

If you have any further queries about this matter then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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