FOI request - Reference: FOI-247317852 Title: Current Business Rates Information Babergh District Council

Your request:

Dear Babergh District Council,

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.

This request is similar to a request that I submitted in May but which was refused because the information was due to be posted onto your website in July. I am now submitting this request again as the information has not yet been posted on your website.

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 is 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 will have recently awarded grants and discounts worth tens of millions of pounds to ratepayers. Nationally, councils awarded 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

Please provide these data as machine-readable as either a CSV or Microsoft Excel file.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Coates

Please use this email address for all replies to this request: request-689694-40aeb151@whatdotheyknow.com	

Date of request: 08/09/2020

Any attached files: No