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Our Ref : JDJ/FOI/422/20
Your Ref :
Date : 17 September 2020
Ask For : Joan Jones
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Dear Ms Coates

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your email received 14 September 2020 requesting the following information:-

“Business Rates 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.

- 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.”

The Council is treating your request as having been made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “Act”).

When dealing with requests for information, the Council’s obligations include:

- (1) confirming or denying whether it holds information of the description specified in the request; and

- (2) communicating the information requested to the applicant. You should note that this is effectively a decision that the information can be released into the public domain and not simply to the specific applicant.

Under the Act, the Council is required to release any information that it holds to you unless an exemption applies.

Response to your request

I confirm that the information you have requested is held and I can give you the following:-

To reduce the number of FOI requests that we receive for data on live business rates accounts, the information is now in the public domain on the Council's website. It will be updated on the 1st of every month. The following link will take you to the correct page: - <https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/business/business-rates/registered-businesses/>

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may ask the Council for an internal review of the decision within 20 working days. Someone other than the person who took the initial decision will conduct the internal review. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Civic Links and FOI Officer at the above address. If, following the internal review, you are still not happy with the outcome; you have the right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliff House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

If you have any further queries, please contact me either in writing at the above address or by telephone on 01773 841601 and quote your ID No 422/20.

To help us to improve the quality of our responses to future Freedom of Information requests, any feedback you may have on this response would be appreciated. A copy of the Council's Customer Comments leaflet is attached to assist you.

Yours sincerely

Joan D Jones (Mrs)
Civic Links & FOI Officer