



LANARKSHIRE
Valuation Joint Board

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Dear Sir

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002: DISCLOSURE, SECTION 25
INFORMATION OTHERWISE ACCESSIBLE, SECTION 38 (1) (b) PERSONAL INFORMATION**

I refer to your request for information that was received on the 8 March 2018.

Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board and the Assessor for Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board are separate Scottish Public Authorities within the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. In light of the information you have requested I have treated your request as a request to the Assessor as the public authority that holds the information.

You requested the following:

"Please supply the following information for North and South Lanarkshire Council Tax valuations: FOI request for information on how many and what are the details of successful Council Tax Re-banding appeals by Council Tax Payers in the region from 1993 to present? i.e. how many and what are the individual property details of the appeals that have been successful in changing from a current property Council Tax Band to a lower one base on the 1991/93 valuations?"

The number of council tax bands reduced to a lower band from 1993 to date is 5,018.

Section 38 (1) (b) Personal Information Exemption

The information you requested on individual property details is held but is exempt from disclosure as it constitutes personal data and would be in breach of the data protection principles. The information constitutes personal information of the individual council tax payers. It is therefore exempt from disclosure as it would breach the data protection principle to process information fairly and lawfully. In terms of section 6 of Schedule 2 of the Data Protection Act 1998 there is no legitimate interest demonstrated by you for such a disclosure that would not affects the rights and freedoms of the individuals concerned.

APPEAL INFORMATION

In terms of Section 20 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, if you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request was dealt with, you may request the Assessor review the decision taken within 40 working days of receipt of this notice.

The request must be in writing stating a name and address for correspondence purposes and the reason for the dissatisfaction. The Reviewing Officer will carry out the review within 20 working

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days of receipt of the request for a review and will write to inform you of the outcome. The Reviewing Officer is a senior official who has not been involved in the original decision.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome following the review of the decision you can make an application for determination by the Scottish Information Commissioner, within 6 months of receipt of notification. The Commissioner can then investigate the decision and determine whether you should receive the information requested in full or in part. The Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:-

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews, Fife
KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610
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In terms of Section 56 both the applicant and Assessor may appeal to Court of Session, on a point of law, following the Commissioners decision.

Yours faithfully



Tracey Russell
Information Officer