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Email: statistics@voa.gsi.gov.uk
Your reference: 11773612.1CEO
Date: 29 October 2015

Dear Steven Syme,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) - Request

VOA ref: 11773612.1CEO

Thank you for your request received by the Valuation Office Agency on 25 October 2015.

Your request for information under FOIA

"Can you inform me of how many requests for council tax rebanding have ever received for properties for postcodes DE72 3XE and DE72 3XG, since their construction in 2006.

Also, whether these requests for rebanding were for 2-bed flats within these two areas"

Response to your request:

We need more detail from you in order to either locate or understand in more detail the information you are seeking.

It would be helpful if you could confirm the type of requests you are referring to in relation to council tax "rebanding". Domestic properties may be re-banded as a result of a request for a band review, a proposal or an appeal. These are explained in detail in our latest Council Tax Challenges and Changes publication available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/council-tax-challenges-and-changes-in-england-and-wales-2014-15>

We are requesting this clarification under section 1 (3) of the FOIA and I include an Appendix which sets out the legislation in full.

Please send your clarified request, quoting the reference number above to foi@voa.gsi.gov.uk or by post to:

Valuation Office Agency,
Freedom of Information Team,
Head Office,
6th Floor, Wingate House,
93/107 Shaftesbury Avenue,
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If you are not happy with this reply you may request a review by writing to the same email/address.

A request for a review must be received within two months of the date of this letter. To assist our review, please set out which aspects of the reply concern you and why you are dissatisfied.

If you are not content with the outcome of our review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Valuation Office Agency. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours Sincerely

Adrian Ball

Director of Information and Analysis
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Appendix - Freedom of Information Act, 2000 (request)

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/contents>

Under section 1(3) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) a public authority need not comply with a request unless any further information reasonably required to locate the information is supplied.

Section 1 refers to a general right of access to information held by public authorities.

This section has no associated Explanatory Notes

(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—

(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and

(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

(2) Subsection (1) has effect subject to the following provisions of this section and to the provisions of sections 2, 9, 12 and 14.

(3) Where a public authority—

(a) reasonably requires further information in order to identify and locate the information requested, and

(b) has informed the applicant of that requirement,

the authority is not obliged to comply with subsection (1) unless it is supplied with that further information.