

From: Freedom of Information Requests

Sent: 11 June 2025 16:38

To:

Subject: FOI Response

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 22 May 2025 for information about Business Rates. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Request

A list of all commercial properties within your council area with the following information:

- 1) VOA Reference Number
- 2) VOA Property Description
- 3) Business Name / Occupier Details
- 4) 2017 Rateable Value
- 5) Occupation Date
- 6) Full Address and Postcode
- 7) Details of any Reliefs that each property is receiving
- 8) Relief Amount
- 9) Date Relief Applied

I would like both Limited and Sole Trader information.

Response

Notice under Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - REFUSAL TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION

Decision:

After carefully considering your request for information the Council has decided that to respond to your request would exceed the appropriate limit as defined in the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Basis for decision:

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act allows for a request for information to be refused where the cost of supplying this information exceeds the appropriate limit. After carefully considering your request for information the Council has decided that to respond to your request would exceed the appropriate limit as defined in the [Freedom of Information \(Appropriate Limit and Fees\) Regulations 2004](#). The regulations allow a request for information to be refused where the cost of supplying this information exceeds £450 (or 18 hours of officer time).

Why does the exemption apply in this case?

The cost limit applies in this case because City of Doncaster Council would need to extract sole trader or partnership information, which is personal data and would therefore be refused, from the business information you require. In order to do this, a total of 9824 records will need to be reviewed. It is estimated that each record will require a 15 second investigation resulting in a total time of approximately 40 hours, which would exceed the time limit.

We are unable to advise how you can make your request more specific however you might find it helpful to consult the Valuation Office website at: <https://www.gov.uk/find-business-rates> where you can search by authority to obtain a list of all the properties that are rated in Doncaster.

Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. www.ico.org.uk Telephone 0303 123 1113.

**Yours faithfully,
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