



North Tyneside Council

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Request:

Please can you email me a list of credits you currently hold on business rates accounts that are live and when the company has moved out of the premises, the below points is what I would like to request, also a list of all businesses that qualify for SBRR that haven't yet applied for Small Business Rates Relief:

1. The name of the rate payer
2. The start date of the business rates account
3. If the account is still live or the date it ended
4. The full property address of the property with the credit on
5. The full amount of credit you hold for the business

Response:

With regards to credits, your request is refused under Section 31 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The reason for this is that there is a public interest in ensuring that monies from the public purse, such as rebates on business rates accounts, are not fraudulently claimed and also a public interest in not making it easier for fraud to be committed.

For further information please see the Information Commissioner's Decision notices at the following links

<https://ico.org.uk/media/action-weve-taken/decision-notices/2017/2013485/fs50619844.pdf> and

<https://ico.org.uk/media/action-weve-taken/decision-notices/2018/2173119/fs50671834.pdf>

With regards to SBRR, your request is refused under section 21, information accessible to the applicant by other means, of the Freedom of Information Act. The reason for this is that this information is published on a quarterly basis at the following link:

<http://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/486/business-rate-accounts-data>

The information was last updated on 3 May 2019.

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