



Coventry City Council

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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information about the disclosure log of FOI requests which the Council received on 25th March 2013. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act").

You have requested the following information;

I have looked at your website but unfortunately I am unable to locate a disclosure log of all FOI requests submitted, a number of other councils publish their logs online which I have found extremely helpful. Could you possibly provide me with all FOI requests and responses that have been made in relation to Business Rates (credits, empty properties, SBRR, reliefs...) since 2005 (excluding Goodman Nash requests). Alternatively, if you could email me a copy of the log I could email back accordingly quoting the relevant FOI reference numbers.

Following careful consideration, the information you requested concerning the disclosure log for FOI requests falls under the exemption(s) in section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act"), which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means'.

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly-available to view by accessing the Council website at the following link.

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/foierrequests>

The Council's disclosure log went live from 1st April 2013 and contains information released by us since October 2012 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Further information relating to Business Rates can also be found on the Council's website under our Open Data pages by accessing the following link.

http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/200116/websites/650/open_data/2

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If you wish to apply to reuse the information you have requested or have any other issues relating to this request please do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope you feel that our response meets your request. However you have a right to make representations about the outcome or handling of your request. This must be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this letter, to the Council's Information Governance Team at:

Council House, Room 21a
Lower Ground Floor
Earl Street, Coventry.
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If you are still dissatisfied, you then have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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