

Information Governance

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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ05838

Thank you for your request for information relating to Council Tax registration.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

Please can you provide the following information for your Housing Tenure Data as applicable:

1. As part of the authority's Council Tax Registration process, do you collect data on property tenure?

Yes, for all tenures, but it is not mandatory.

2. For rental properties, do you ask for information about the landlord?

Yes, for rental properties, we do ask for information about the landlord.

3. Which Council departments/services can access the tenure/landlord data? Housing Planning/Development Control Finance/Benefits

Environmental Services
Trading Standards

Licensing (Mandatory/Additional/Selective)

Customer Services

a. Other (Please list)

4. If you limit which departments can access this data, for what reasons do you do so?

We can advise that there must be a legitimate purpose and legal gateway for accessing the information.

5. Is the landlord data used when assessing the size of the PRS for any of the following duties or purposes?

- Housing condition surveys to fulfil duties under s3 of the Housing Act 2004? No
- In developing an overall housing strategy? Yes
- Securing the effective implementation of HMO licensing under s55 of the Housing Act 2004? Yes
- In considering making an HMO licensing designation under s56 of the Housing Act 2004? Yes
- In considering making a selective licensing designation under s80 of the Housing Act 2004? Yes
 - a. Any other purposes?

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Yours faithfully

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