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Dear Sir

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ07072

Thank you for your request for information relating to Business Rates calculation method for revaluation support/

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

In accordance with the provisions specified within the above Act I hereby request the following information. All information is strictly related to business rates.

- A copy of the calculation method for revaluation support that covers the years 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21
- Eligible businesses will receive a reduction in their bill in year 1 of the scheme totalling 100 per cent of their increased liability.

#### 2017/18

- Support is provided to businesses occupying a property with a rateable value greater than £12,000 and not more than £100,000;
- The business should have an increased liability, after all other reliefs, including small business and pub relief, greater than 1 per cent as a result of the 2017 revaluation;
- The property is occupied;
- The following types of business are excluded from support:
  - Coventry City Council buildings
  - Buildings occupied by NHS bodies
  - o GP surgeries and health centres
  - National and international companies

- o Banks
- Betting shops
- Eligible businesses will receive a reduction in their bill in year 1 of the scheme totalling 100 per cent of their increased liability.
- 499 businesses totalling £354,679

### 2018/19

- 50% of the 2017/18 award
- 456 businesses totalling £175,472

# 2019/20

- Awarded 45% of the 2018/19 amount
- 408 businesses totalling £83,975

#### 2020/21

- Net liability for 2020/21 reduced by 0.237%
- 400 businesses totalling £12,000

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Yours faithfully

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