

FOI Ref

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This is a request for information, filed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We wish to obtain information, from the Council, relating to unclaimed credits for non-domestic ratepayers. We are aware that all Billing Authorities hold on account sums of money that are due to be returned to business ratepayers and for a variety of reasons have not been repaid and maybe considered untraceable by the Council. This maybe because Companies do not know that there is an overpayment, they may have moved premises, merges and/or changed their name or simply ceased trading. In such circumstances, the monies could be due to the creditors of that company. Exacta shall use the information requested to trace those businesses who have failed to claim such credit balances.

We therefore request a list of both credit balances and credit balance write ons accrued since your earliest records, for the amounts owing to all "incorporated" companies within the authorities billing area, including

- The name of each ratepayer for which the credit or credit write on relates to.
- The value of overpayment in each case.
- The year(s) in which overpayment was made.
- The hereditament address.

Please note that no personal data (as defined under the Data Protection Act 1998) is requested and any personal data contained within files concerning Non-Domestic Rates is exempted from this request.

Response:

This information is already reasonably accessible to you. Under section 21 Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) there is no right of access via the FOI Act if this is the case.

The information is available here <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/open-data-transparency-in-local-government>

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk
