From:	Foi Enquiries
To:	
Subject:	FOI-17-1101 - Business Rates Relief Scheme
Date:	03 August 2017 14:07:06
Attachments:	Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear ,

Thank you for your information request of 1 August 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

I would like to submit an FOI request regarding the Business Rates Relief Scheme announced in the March 2017 Budget, which allocates £300 million to local authorities over four years from 2017-18.

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/discretionary-business-rates-relief-scheme

Regarding the Scheme, I would like to know:

a. whether your council has already begun distributing to local businesses the funding made available for 2017-18 as part of the Relief Scheme?

b. If the answer to (a) is yes, how much (in £s) has already been allocated to local businesses? The scheme referred to and as announced in March 2017 is determined by the Department for Communities and Local Government. This is for England only. It does not involve any Scottish Local Authorities as Business Rates in Scotland is a devolved power administered by the Scottish Government.

Therefore our response to (a) and (b) above is 'not applicable'.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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