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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 2 August 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Can you tell me what charities have applied for Business Rates Relief in the last financial year (2016/2017)?

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.

Can you tell me what these charities are and what properties they have applied for are (please give address of each)?

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.

Can you also please outline when the applications were made by each charity, how many applications were successful and how many unsuccessful?

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.

Please note, there is no system report for unsuccessful applications.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **how many applications were unsuccessful** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

Can you also outline what the rateable values of the successful applications was?

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.

Can you also say if any of these charities have had complaints made to the council about their use of Business Rates Relief?

No complaints have been received in respect of any charity in receipt of charitable rates relief.

Can you also tell me what – if any – checks your council has done to ensure charitable activity is carried out at the site, which gets business rates relief?

Where an application has been made for charitable relief, a visit is undertaken to the property to ensure that the property is wholly or mainly used by the charity and for charitable purposes. The charity must be registered with the Scottish Charity Regulator - OSCR and review forms are issued annually with further checks undertaken during the year to ensure that the situation has not changed.

Can you also answer the above questions for the year 2015/16?

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

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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