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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FOI-17-0904 - Business Rates  
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**Attachments:** [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 22 June 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**This request is made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In accordance with the above, I hereby request an updated list of Business Rate accounts that meet the following criteria:**

- **Accounts where a 'write on' has been used since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2000 to cancel an overpayment which has not since been reversed. (I am not requesting credit data as I understand this is on your website)**

**I would request that the list contains the following information:**

- **Ratepayer name (information is only requested where the ratepayer is a company and not an individual as I appreciate this is limited by the Data Protection Acts).**
- **Address of property concerned.**
- **Amount of write on.**
- **If possible, the period/financial year relating to overpayment/credit/write on.**

We wish to advise you that ACC regularly publishes information on business rates at the following link:

[http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/business\\_trade/business\\_rates/bus\\_rates\\_statistics.asp](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/business_trade/business_rates/bus_rates_statistics.asp).

This information is published and updated every 12 weeks.

As information on **business rates** is otherwise accessible on ACC's website at the link copied above, it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 25(1) in conjunction with Section 25(3) - Information Otherwise Accessible - of the FOISA.

With regards to accounts with a write-on, Aberdeen City Council does not routinely write-on debts where accounts are overpaid. We operate a pro-active refund policy and all overpaid accounts are processed accordingly. Under normal circumstances, the only sums written on involve dividend payments relating to insolvency cases; these cannot be considered to be genuine overpayments.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Gail Halfyard

## **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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