

## **Response to Request for Information**

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## **Unclaimed Credit Balances**

## Request:

This is a request for information, filed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We wish to obtain the information, from the Council, relating to unclaimed Credit Balances. We are aware that all <u>Billing Authorities</u> hold on account sums of money that are due to be returned to 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 breakdown of credit balances as at 01/04/15 accrued since your earliest records, for the amounts owing to all "incorporated" companies within the authorities billing area, including

- The name of each business in respect of which Non-Domestice Rate credit balances remain payable;
- The value of overpayment in each case which remains unclaimed;
- The year(s) in which overpayment was made; and
- The hereditament address

I can confirm that we hold this information. The information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain. Please find link below. http://data.wolverhampton.gov.uk/View