



Response to Request for Information

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Commercial Property

Request:

I would like to request the details of all commercial property that the council owns, not for its own occupation but for investment or other purposes. These to include single shops and retail parades, industrial units or estates and offices premises.

1. Full address
2. Full tenancy details - To include: Tenant name (where possible), Lease start date, Lease Expiry and Current Rent.

With reference to your above questions regarding commercial properties, I can confirm that the Council holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, as we cannot easily retrieve the information and would require us to manually trawl through the leases to extract the information, we have applied the Section 12 Exemption of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 12 of the Act allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by local authorities is £450 (equivalent to 2.5 days of work). In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- “(a) determining whether it holds the information,*
- (b) locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,*
- (c) retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information,*
and
- (d) extracting the information from a document containing it”.*

We believe that the aggregated time required to provide the information as specified, would be in excess of 18 Hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450

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based on the cost of £25 per hour), hence why the exemption has been applied.

Please note that should you pay the charge for all of the information specified, **the information may be subject to further exemptions**. However, if you would like to re-scope your request then we would be able to provide this within the appropriate time limit.