

13 March 2017

Dear Mr Crichton

Request for information: RFI-2017-0245

Your request for information about Business Rates has now been considered. The information held by the Council relevant to your request is set out below:

- 1) The average amount paid in business rates for the average business.
Unfortunately we cannot provide you with this information. We have very few businesses paying a very large amount of business rates in the district so any figure we provide would not be a representative of a true average amount.
- 2) The average increase in business rates from 2007 to the latest available data.
The multiplier has increased from 41.4p in 2010 to 49.7p in 2016 which represents an increase of 20%
- 3) The average relief given to businesses.
Approximately 30-40% of businesses in NSDC area qualify for small business rate relief – again unable to give an average since this depends on the rateable value of the business and there is no average RV for a business
- 4) Business rates (or non-domestic rates) income by sector.
Unable to split between business type accounts

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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Where provided, the direct contact details of individual Council officers must not be used for the purposes of direct marketing.

If you have any further queries or concerns about the information provided please do not hesitate to contact us. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, starting the day after the date of this letter, we will consider the request closed.

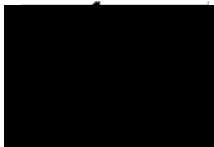
If following our response to your query you are still dissatisfied you have the right to request an internal review. This will be conducted by the Director of Safety or the Deputy Chief Executive who have not been involved with the request or complaint until this point. Should you wish to proceed to this stage please advise us quoting the reference number at the top of this page.

Should you be dissatisfied with the outcome of any internal review to the Council you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office, details of which can be found on the Information Commissioner's website www.ico.org.uk/

More details of this complaints process are available to view on our website at the following link: www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/makingarequestforinformation/accesstoinformation-complaintsprocedure/

Yours sincerely

David Clarke



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