

FOI Reference Number: FOI/305/1819

Date: 27/09/2018

**Request:**

Dear Council officer,

I seek to receive certain detailed reports under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c.36).

Could you please reply to me with the following report attached:

- Unclaimed business rate credit balances.

We are cognizant of the fact that Billing Authorities hold on account sums of money that are due to be returned to ratepayers and for a variety of reasons have not been repaid. I therefore request a breakdown of credit balances accrued since your earliest records, for the amounts owing to all incorporated companies within your authority's billing area, including the following information:

- A. The legal name of each business in respect of which non-domestic rate credit balances remain payable
- B. The value of overpayment in each case which remains unclaimed
- C. The year(s) in which overpayment was made
- D. The hereditament address
- E. The legal name of each business in respect of which non-domestic rate credit balances have been written back on to the NDR account
- F. The value of write back in each case which remains unclaimed
- G. The year(s) in which the write back was made (if available)
- H. The hereditament address that the write back relates to.

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 26/09/2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to unclaimed business rates.

Please note that in Northern Ireland district councils are not responsible for the provision of rates.

Please contact the Land and Property Services who should be able to help you with your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/305/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.