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I am writing to request the names of the 25 individual or corporate landlords, excluding housing associations, who have received the largest amounts of housing benefit over the last three financial years (ie. between 1/4/14 and 31/3/17).

In each case, please include housing benefit payments made directly to the landlords and, if possible, payments made to tenants which you are able to link to landlords.

I would like to draw your attention to an ICO ruling on the use of the Section 40 exemption in this context. It ruled in favour of the disclosure of the names of individual landlords: https://ico.org.uk/media/action-weve-taken/decision-notices/2015/1043296/fs 50547446.pdf

The requested information is provided at Appendix I overleaf.

The Private Rented Sector, (PRS) continues to be an important element of the local housing market therefore it is important that local authorities work in partnership with all housing providers to maximise the provision of good quality, affordable homes to rent. In engaging with private landlords through Landlord Forums and through ensuring compliance with the Landlord Registration and Landlord accreditation schemes, East Lothian Council seeks to ensure that properties are well managed and comply with the Scottish Core Standards.

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Appendix I

LANDLORD MANE	VEAD	TOTAL DATE INLVEAD
LANDLORD NAME	YEAR	TOTAL PAID IN YEAR
LETFIRST	2014/2015	£117,307.19
RENT LOCALLY	2014/2015	£87,317.46
MR C VEITCH	2014/2015	£59,429.97
PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY LETTING	2014/2015	£58,321.03
TSG LETTING	2014/2015	£43,775.72
FINE HOLM	2014/2015	£42,629.82
MR N JORGENSEN	2014/2015	£42,194.34
CRUZ PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LTD	2014/2015	£40,498.86
MR S WILSON	2014/2015	£33,537.36
MR A PATERSON	2014/2015	£31,547.21
MRS T FATIMA	2014/2015	£28,877.78
MR K BREEN	2014/2015	£26,836.49
MR G CARLYLE	2014/2015	£26,698.07
WEMYSS AND MARCH ESTATES	2014/2015	£23,915.10
MR R BAINES	2014/2015	£23,519.68
R & S HEGGIE	2014/2015	£22,442.08
GSB PROPERTIES	2014/2015	£19,686.63
CARE UK HOMECARE LTD	2014/2015	£19,151.24
CAMPBELL SMITH WS FOR ALGRADE AS	2014/2015	£17,878.02
MRS K BROWN	2014/2015	£17,075.32
MEADOW LETTINGS	2014/2015	£16,764.91
MR R PEARMAN	2014/2015	£15,805.95
MR & MRS NEAVE	2014/2015	£14,858.52
FIDRA LETS	2014/2015	£14,340.26
MS D CLARK	2014/2015	£13,865.84
LETFIRST	2015/2016	£91,777.02
RENT LOCALLY	2015/2016	£70,630.56
PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY LETTING	2015/2016	£64,818.32
FINE HOLM	2015/2016	£49,896.90
TSG LETTING	2015/2016	£47,934.03
MR C VEITCH	2015/2016	£46,964.67
CRUZ PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LTD	2015/2016	£39,822.54
MR N JORGENSEN	2015/2016	£38,708.19
MR A PATERSON	2015/2016	£33,929.00
MR S WILSON	2015/2016	£30,875.87
MR K BREEN	2015/2016	£28,863.11
MR G CARLYLE	2015/2016	£25,811.09
MRS T FATIMA	2015/2016	£23,175.92
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R & S HEGGIE	2015/2016	£22,461.28
WEMYSS AND MARCH ESTATES	2015/2016	£21,987.78
MR D ROWLEY	2015/2016	£21,606.53
GSB PROPERTIES	2015/2016	£21,099.07
MR R BAINES	2015/2016	£18,130.91
CAMPBELL SMITH WS FOR ALGRADE AS	2015/2016	£17,937.81
MR & MRS AIKMAN	2015/2016	£17,776.12
REGIMENTAL PROPERTIES	2015/2016	£16,866.26
MR R PEARMAN	2015/2016	£16,464.34
SPORTS TUNE MOTOR COMPANY LTD	2015/2016	£16,285.51
MR C NISBET	2015/2016	£15,273.05
MR M RAY	2015/2016	£14,981.04
RENT LOCALLY	2016/2017	£53,969.45
MR C VEITCH	2016/2017	£45,927.96
TSG LETTING	2016/2017	£45,089.58
MR N JORGENSEN	2016/2017	£39,618.12
MR G CARLYLE	2016/2017	£38,093.45
LETFIRST	2016/2017	£37,431.28
PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY LETTING	2016/2017	£32,052.53
MR K BREEN	2016/2017	£30,309.55
CRUZ PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LTD	2016/2017	£29,030.45
FINE HOLM	2016/2017	£22,150.72
WEMYSS AND MARCH ESTATES	2016/2017	£21,483.01
CAMPBELL SMITH WS FOR ALGRADE AS	2016/2017	£19,880.87
MR & MRS AIKMAN	2016/2017	£19,296.68
MR A PATERSON	2016/2017	£19,237.68
DJ ALEXANDER	2016/2017	£18,254.30
MR D ROWLEY	2016/2017	£17,865.45
R & S HEGGIE	2016/2017	£17,636.78
MR R PEARMAN	2016/2017	17,242.01
LIVING AMBITIONS	2016/2017	£16,907.92
MR R BAINES	2016/2017	£16,196.28
SPORTS TUNE MOTOR COMPANY LTD	2016/2017	£16,180.99
MR C NISBET	2016/2017	£14,821.95
SMART PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	2016/2017	£13,058.76
MR D GREENAN	2016/2017	£12,696.66
MR I GLASS	2016/2017	£12,540.32
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