

East Lothian Council

FOI Ref: 2018/549720

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 , I request in Excel format details of all properties in receipt of Transitional Relief. The data should include:

***The Property Address;
Property Type;
Current Rateable Value;
Rate Payer's Name;
Valuation Roll reference number***

If this data is deemed to be exempt under The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, The Data Protection Act 2018 or The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), I request a breakdown of the total number of properties in each property type that receive Transitional Relief.

Please refer to the attached "2018_549720 Appendix I.pdf" which includes accounts with transitional relief, along with a table showing the breakdown by property type of all properties with transitional relief that includes sole traders.

There are currently 38 active accounts with transitional relief, 22 of which we have released all the information for.

The remaining 16 are sole traders and East Lothian Council (ELC) considers that information about sole traders is exempt from disclosure under Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This exemption relates to personal information. When information is released as the result of a freedom of information request it is technically released to the general public, and not just to the person or organisation making the information request. Individuals would not expect this type of information to be released into the public domain and ELC has therefore withheld this information.