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Dear [name redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your Request

- 1) *The average amount paid in business rates for the average business.*
- 2) *The average increase in business rates from 2007 to the latest available data.*
- 3) *The average relief given to businesses.*
- 4) *Business rates (or non-domestic rates) income by sector.*

Clarification Question:

- Whether the query is on payable rates rather than paid? In which case please advise what sort of average you're looking for (mean, median, mode?).
- Lastly, could you clarify your third query relates to all reliefs (including empty reductions) or if it's regarding charitable relief information?

Response to clarification:

I am looking for the median amount in payable rates and for my third query all reliefs.

The response to your request as follows:

- 1) **Median annual charge in 16/17 for live accounts as at 21/2/17 £3,000.80 (or £4,598.00 before any relief applied)**

- 2) Using equivalent data for accounts live at the end of 2007/08 the median figure is a drop of £373.60 (12.5%)(or if using charges before relief deducted a rise of £320.30 or 7.5%)
- 3) Based on the results from Q1, median relief awarded (to those receiving relief only) = £2,250.60
- 4) No information held

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Yours Sincerely

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