



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-087, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act of 2000, could you please provide me with the following information regarding business rates accounts, please provide a response either within an excel spreadsheet or pdf :

1. Could you please confirm the number of instances in the last 10 years where a fraudulent claim for a business rates refund has been made?
2. Could you please confirm the number of instances where a refund has been paid to an incorrect entity due to a fraudulent claim?
3. Could you please confirm the total value (£) over the last 10 years where a Ratepayer has had to be compensated due to a fraudulent claim for a business rates refund?
4. The total value of credits held on business rates accounts within the billing authority as of today's date.

Response:

1. East Cambridgeshire District Council are not aware of any instances of fraudulent Business Rates refunds.
2. n/a
3. n/a
4. The total value of credits held on Business Rates accounts as at 5th June 2024 is £307,864.99.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 24/25-087.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.