I am writing in response of your information request.

Please advise if the local authority is offering a ‘local discount’ to business ratepayers under Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988. As you will be aware, these powers were introduced via Section 69 of the Localism Act which enabled Council’s to award a locally determined discretionary discount/relief on business rates.

For any scheme that exists, please advise:
1. The criteria that must be fulfilled
2. The value of any relief/discount that may be given to a ratepayer per financial year/period of scheme
3. The period of the scheme
4. Final date for applications
5. If any relief will be backdated
6. How applications can be made
7. Provide a copy of any scheme outline that has been published

Where no local discount/relief scheme exists, please advise accordingly.

If a scheme is under consideration but not yet agreed, again please advise.

Response: Please see attached document.

If you are unhappy with the information we have provided in response to your request please write to:

Information Management Team Manager
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead
Town Hall, St Ives Road
Maidenhead
SL6 1RF

or send an e-mail to martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk

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http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/foi_information_requests.htm

We are keen to hear about your experience with the Information Management Team here at the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and look forward to receiving any comments you have about the way your information request was processed.

Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.
Yours sincerely

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Information Management Feedback Form
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1) How would you rate our performance in relation to processing your request:
   Excellent   Good   Fair   Poor

   If you have answered Fair or Poor please suggest how we can improve:


2) Did you receive the response to your request within the advised timescale?
   Yes/No

3) Did the response meet your needs? Yes/No
   If No, why was that?


4) Prior to submitting your request did you search RBWM’s website? Yes/No
   If Yes, why did you then need to submit a request (Highlight all that apply)?

   - Information required not found
   - Information found out of date
   - Information not in required format
   - Information insufficient to meet need
   - Other please specify:
If No, why was that?

5) Please add any further comments that would help us improve our service:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form – your feedback is appreciated