



Information Requests

B2 South
County Hall
Taunton
TA1 4DY
Reference: 11265449

22 May 2023

Dear Requester

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information. We have processed your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your Request:

In spreadsheet format, could you please list all of the commercial properties currently owned by the council including:

The address of the property

The date the purchase was made

The amount paid for the property

The current planning use class of the building (for example,

Class E - Commercial, Business and Service)

Whether the property is currently being rented or leased (Yes/No) (as of 18 April, 2023)

For clarity, a commercial property is any property that is rented out or leased by the council for the purposes of returning an income to the council.

Our Response

I can confirm that some of the information you have requested is held by Somerset Council.

Please see attached a schedule of commercial property owned by Somerset Council responding to the fields of information requested.

We have used simple descriptions of the main use of each property, rather than use classes, as the former is the information we hold on use.

Please note that there are broadly two categories of commercial properties held by the council. The first – earlier in the schedule are properties purchased within the last 6 or so years, for which we have ready access to both date of purchase and purchase price, and thus include that information. The second category later in the schedule are commercial properties that have been owned for a longer period, where generally we do not have a record of either the date of purchase or purchase price. In those cases, we have noted “historic” as we do not hold on any database the information requested.

Please quote the reference number 11265449 in any future communications.

I will now close this request.

If you feel your request has not been answered in sufficient detail, or if you wish to clarify the information given, please contact me, and I will be happy to address the issues you raise.

Alternatively, if you are not satisfied with our response you may request an internal review. This is an independent investigation into the handling of your request, which is carried out by the Information Governance Team. The conclusions of this investigation, and if applicable, a fresh decision about the information to be provided, should be sent to you within twenty working days of receipt of the internal review request.

To request an Internal Review please respond to this letter detailing why you are not satisfied, and your request will be dealt with by the information governance team.

If you are not satisfied with the results of the internal review, you may then appeal directly to the Information Commissioner’s Office with your complaint.

The Information commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Web address: www.ico.gov.uk

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

Yours sincerely

Information Request Team