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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 985

I write further to your email dated 28 October 2019.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

Please could you confirm if your council used 1st April 2019 as the cut-off point for creating / distributing the **2018/2019** allocation of funds under the government's **2017 Discretionary (REVALUATION) Business Rates Relief Scheme**? If you did please can you confirm the amounts *you were able to allocate* to your local businesses in your area and how much, if any, remained unspent? We would be grateful for exact figures.

If you used 30th September 2019 as the deadline, please confirm, and also then clarify how much you have allocated (***and how much remains unspent***) as at today's date. It would be appreciated if you could clearly state which date your figures relate to.

Our response:

No deadline date was used.

NWL we carried out an exercise during 2018/19 to indicate which companies would be applicable for this award and notified the customers accordingly. However, due to changes on accounts during the remainder of the financial year we only spent £135,995.66 of the allocated £142,000.

No further investigations were done after the initial award to spend the remaining balance within 2018/19.

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