

# Request 11446 - Concerning the Private Rented Sector

This Freedom of Information request is for the attention of the council departments that deal with the Private Rented Sector.

## Discretionary licensing

1) Does your local authority currently operate a selective licensing scheme? If so, what kind of designation is it i.e., city wide/borough wide/single designation/multi designation.

2) Is your local authority currently running/about to run a consultation for selective licensing and/or launching a selective licensing scheme in the next 12 months?

3) Does your local authority currently operate an additional licensing scheme? If so, what kind of designation is it i.e., city wide/borough wide/single designation/multi designation.

4) Is your local authority currently running/about to run a consultation for selective licensing and/or launching an additional licensing scheme in the next 12 months?

## Council Tax Tenure

5) As part of the authority's council tax registration process, do you collect data on property tenure? Please specify which of the following options applies:

Yes for all tenures

Yes for rental properties only

Yes for council/social housing properties only

No (please give reasons why)

6) Which council department/services can access the tenure/landlord data?

7) If you limit which departments can access this data, for what reasons do you do so?

8) Is the landlord data used when assessing the size of the private rented sector?

## Article 4 Directions (Planning)

9) Does your local authority have any Article 4 Directions currently in place for HMOs? (C3 to C4)

10) If answered yes to Question 9, what kind of designation is it?  
Please specify which of the following options applies:

Single designation of an area

Multiple designation of an area

Borough/city wide designation

If the council needs a word version of this FOI request, please don't hesitate to get in touch and I will provide one.

## Response

Thank you for your request for information above, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I hope the following will answer your query:

1) Does your local authority currently operate a selective licensing scheme? If so, what kind of designation is it i.e., city wide/borough wide/single designation/multi designation. - **No**

2) Is your local authority currently running/about to run a consultation for selective licensing and/or launching a selective licensing scheme in the next 12 months? - **No**

3) Does your local authority currently operate an additional licensing scheme? - **No**  
If so, what kind of designation is it i.e., city wide/borough wide/single designation/multi designation.

4) Is your local authority currently running/about to run a consultation for selective licensing and/or launching an additional licensing scheme in the next 12 months? - **No**

5) As part of the authority's council tax registration process, do you collect data on property tenure?

We collect information on whether a person is an owner or a tenant to determine Council Tax Liability, but we do not request further detailed information on this unless there is a dispute.

6) Which council department/services can access the tenure/landlord data?  
Revenues & Benefits as these departments cover Council Tax and Council Tax Support and this is all maintained on one software system

7) If you limit which departments can access this data, for what reasons do you do so?

Council Tax data is kept on the same software system as Council Tax Support & Housing Benefits, Benefit Overpayments and National Non-Domestic Rates. All of these areas have sensitive data, so user access is provided only if it is needed for the user's role within the Council.

8) Is the landlord data used when assessing the size of the private rented sector?

**No**

9) No we do not have any article 4's in place

We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.