

10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

BY EMAIL

**Re: FOI request – Ref: FOI\_15\_25**

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request received in this office, under the Freedom of Information Act (2014) for records held by this FOI body.

The request sought:

“The total number of “hospitality” businesses that paid commercial rates to the council in each of the years: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024.

The total combined value of all commercial rates paid by these “hospitality” businesses in the years outlined above.”

On the 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 you refined this request to:

1. The number of Hospitality properties billed in respect of commercial rates in 2025.
2. The total value of the rates billed to these properties for 2025.”

The Decision Maker in this case, was Ms. Laura Berney, Senior Accounting Assistant, Finance Section. A final decision on your request has now been and she has decided to grant your request.

The records are now available to view at [FOI Responses | Wexford County Council \(wexfordcoco.ie\)](https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/foi-responses).

Schedule of Records

Please see attached a detailed Schedule of Records; this shows the details of the records that were considered to fall under the scope of your request, and it details the decision in relation to each record. The decision can be to grant, part grant or refuse and this is detailed in the Schedule. Where it is decided to part grant or refuse a document the exemption sections that are relied upon are quoted.



## Right of Appeal

If you are unhappy with this decision, you may appeal it. In the event that you wish to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Wexford County Council, Carricklawn, Wexford or by email to [foi@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:foi@wexfordcoco.ie) .

Your appeal should include a fee of €30 which can be made payable to Wexford County Council. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding weekends and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal is permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

If you are unhappy with the response you receive to your internal review request, you have a right to appeal to the Office of the Information Commissioner. This appeal must be made within 6 months of the date of the internal review decision and may be made by writing to:-

Office of the Information Commissioner, 6 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 W773.

Phone: +353-1-639 5689

Email: [info@oic.ie](mailto:info@oic.ie)

As your appeal relates to non-personal information, you will be liable for an upfront fee of €50 (€30 for Medical Card holders) on making of your appeal request. This fee is payable to the Office of the Information Commissioner, details above.

Yours sincerely,

*Susan Doran*

Susan Doran,  
FOI Officer ,  
FOI Unit.

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Freedom of Information Schedule of Records - Summary of Decision Making

FOI Request Reference: FOI\_15\_25

Rec. No.	No. of pages	Date of Record	Brief description of record	Decision Grant Part Grant Refuse	Basis for refusal - Exempt under FOI Act	Other
1	1		Hospitality business 2025	Grant		

1. The number of Hospitality properties billed in respect of commercial rates in 2025.

356

2. The total value of the rates billed to these properties for 2025.

€4,782,343