



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

7 August 2017

Dear ,

**ATISN 11445 – Swansea Council Tax Base and CT1 Return**

Thank you for your request which I received on 1 August 2017 about the Revenue Support Grant.

You have asked for information on:-

- the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) calculation methodology and systems for computation;
- the City and County of Swansea Council's (CCS) Council Tax base and CT1 return which shows the actual amount calculated for 2016-2017;
- how the RSG for the CCS is calculated for each Council Tax exemption class; and
- the RSG adjustment for CCS solely due to the Class N exemptions (in cash terms).

I have decided that **the information described in the above list** is exempt from disclosure under section **S21** of the **Freedom of Information Act**. This is because the information is already publicly available on the Welsh Government and StatsWales websites.

Comprehensive information on the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) calculation methodology and systems for computation can be found on the Welsh Government Website, accessible via the link below:

<http://gov.wales/topics/localgovernment/finandfunding/settlement/lg-settlement-2016-17/?lang=en>

'The Green Book 2016-17' provides information on the Standard Spending Assessment which is the mechanism for distributing the Revenue Support Grant. It also confirms how the Council Tax Base, which includes Class N exemptions, is taken into account within this process. This is detailed at the following link:

<http://gov.wales/topics/localgovernment/finandfunding/settlement/lg-settlement-2017-18/?lang=en>

The StatsWales website includes information on the total Council Tax to be collected, which is calculated by each Local Authority under the Local Government Finance Act 1992. This is published at the link below:

<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Local-Government/Finance/Council-Tax/Budget-Requirement/budget-requirement-budgetrequirement-by-br1rowdescription>

The StatsWales website also provides all other information provided by Local Authorities on the CT1 Statistical Return. This is published here:

<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Local-Government/Finance/Council-Tax/Dwellings>

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ

or Email: [FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,