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Dear [Name Redacted]

## **Freedom of Information – Request for Information**

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

### **Details of Your Request**

In accordance with the provisions specified within the Act, we request the following information, which relates to the type of support or initiatives that a local authority might be able to offer to businesses within its town centre:

- Has your authority set up a town centre commission?
- Has it established a 10-year plan? –
- Do you have a policy to locate public sector buildings in the town centre?
- Have you established the concept of a community hub for your town centre?
- Does your council provide loans to small companies?
- Does your authority subsidise business rates for charity shops?
- Does your authority require malls to provide affordable space for small traders?
- Does your town centre have a process to carry out regular health checks to assess performance?

Please provide the information in an electronic, spreadsheet format.

The response to your request as follows:

Has your authority set up a town centre commission? - **No**

- Has it established a 10-year plan? – **Not applicable**
- Do you have a policy to locate public sector buildings in the town centre?
- Have you established the concept of a community hub for your town centre?
- Does your council provide loans to small companies? **No**
- Does your authority subsidise business rates for charity shops? – **The information is held in our discretionary relief guidelines using the link provided below.**  
[http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/business\\_docs/Discretionary-Rate-Relief-Policy.pdf](http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/business_docs/Discretionary-Rate-Relief-Policy.pdf)
- Does your authority require malls to provide affordable space for small traders? – **No**
- Does your town centre have a process to carry out regular health checks to assess performance? - **No**

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Details of Tamworth Borough Council's internal review and complaints procedure are attached, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Yours Sincerely

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