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RE: Internal Review for Council Tax Property List

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[redacted] <[redacted]@burnley.gov.uk> 4 November 2026 at 12:55
To: Owen Boswarva <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>
Cc: FOI <foi@burnley.gov.uk>

Good afternoon Owen

The Council has agreed to apply the open licence to the Address elements (excluding Post codes) and local property reference.

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Many thanks

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From: Owen Boswarva <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>
Sent: 04 November 2026 10:06
To: [redacted] <[redacted]@burnley.gov.uk>
Cc: FOI <foi@burnley.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Internal Review for Council Tax Property List

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Dear [redacted],

Thank you for providing the outcome of the Council's internal review of its handling of the information requests that I submitted on 15 July 2026, and for the additional disclosure of information: a list of UPRNs and corresponding addresses, postcodes, and Council Tax bands.

I will attempt to match the attached list to the list of local property references and corresponding addresses, postcodes, and Council Tax bands disclosed previously by the Council.

I am satisfied that the Council has now provided a complete response to my access request.

With regard to my re-use request, I would appreciate clarification of the extent of the Council's permission for re-use under the terms of the Open Government Licence.

If I have understood correctly, the Council is not granting permission for re-use of the following data attributes in the two supplied lists, because the Council considers that third parties own intellectual property rights in those parts of the information:

UPRN: Ordnance Survey/GeoPlace LLP

Postcode: Royal Mail

Council Tax valuation band: Valuation Office Agency (now HMRC's Valuation Office)

Does that mean that the remaining data attributes i.e. the local property references and the full property addresses (without the postcodes) are unencumbered by third party rights, and that the Council permits re-use of those parts of the information under the terms of the Open Government Licence?

Please confirm. I want to make sure there is no misunderstanding about this, as there is potential for legal liability if any of the information is re-used without the relevant permissions.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Owen Boswarva
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---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: [redacted] <[redacted]@burnley.gov.uk>
Date: Wed, 4 Nov 2026 at 09:36
Subject: Internal Review for Council Tax Property List
To: owen.boswarva@gmail.com <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>

Dear Owen Boswarva,

Your request for an internal review is below.

The Council has provided the full list including the UPRN data.

In respect of the reuse request:

The Council states that licencing the use of the Valuation bands, post codes and UPRN is not within its control, so the Council Valuation Bands are provided by the Valuation Office Agency, UPRN are the intellectual property of GeoPlace/OS and post codes are the intellectual property of the Royal Mail, so the Council cannot licence these for reuse.

The data in the list apart from the above can be reused subject to Open Licence.

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If, following the review, you remain dissatisfied with the council's treatment of your request then you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Many thanks

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Head of Finance

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