Non-Domestic (Business) Rates accounts in credit data definition document

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The purpose of this document is to describe and define the content of the **Non-Domestic (Business) Rates accounts in credit** data published to Open Data Nottingham (http://www.opendatanottingham.org.uk/dataset.aspx?id=110).

This open data is a comprehensive list of all current Non-domestic (business) rates accounts in credit. The file does not contain personal information, nor for crime prevention purposes does it identify empty properties.

Due to demand for this information, the data now includes all accounts in credit, including sole traders, as well as LTD and PLC organisations and non-LTD or PLC organisations such as Council properties. However, the organisation name and address of any accounts that are not currently identified as either 'LTD' or 'PLC' have been removed from the file. The data is currently being improved to enable us to accurately distinguish sole trader accounts from the other non-LTD or PLC organisations; when this has been completed more details will appear in the data about these accounts.

The data contains the following fields (columns):

Field name	Definition
Property Reference Number	Nottingham City Council's unique identifier for this account. It is not the account holders account number.
Organisation Name	The trading name of the organisation. This is sometimes referred to as 'Name of business', 'Company liable', or 'Account name'. The data does not include Sole Traders.
Organisation Type	The type of organisation, e.g. office, warehouse, shop
Address	The postal address of the for this non-domestic rates account
Post Code	The post code part of the address for this non-domestic rates account
Account Start date	The start date of this account
Account End date	The end date of this account. Where this field is empty the account is still open.
Billing period	The start of the billing period during which the credit occurred. E.g. 2013 is for the year 2013/14. It is not possible to determine the exact date the overpayment occurred because this would involve examining each record individually. It would take around 10 minutes to make a subjective assessment of each record (more than one overpayment might have been made; adjustments may have been made in retrospect, i.e. not in the same accounting year); with over 350 records to examine it would take in excess of 18 hours (350x10=3,500

	minutes, or 58 hours) to obtain this information. The provision of this information is therefore exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
Outstanding debt	The amount of outstanding debt in Pounds Sterling (£) at the time the data extract was prepared.
BODY	A machine readable definition for this owner of this dataset.
BODY_NAME	A human readable definition for this owner of this dataset.
CREATE_DAT	The date that the row in the table was created; it is the same date that the data table was created. It does not refer to the currency of the data, or any other date associated with the content of the data.