

Request 8713 Housing

- 1) As of 26th February 2021 (or the most recently available date), please could you tell me how many private and council homes have been vacant in your authority for the following numbers of financial years*:
 - a. Less than one year (i.e. current financial year)
 - b. One year
 - c. Two years
 - d. Three years
 - e. Four years
 - f. Five years
 - g. Six years
 - h. Seven years
 - i. Eight years
 - j. Nine years
 - k. Ten years
 - l. 11 - 19 years
 - m. 20 or more years

*Please treat 'years' as financial years. If a home has been listed as empty within the current financial year, I would expect this to be listed as 'less than one year'. Please could you break this information down by:

Column a) The 'number of years'

Column b) 'Private' or 'council' home - a separate count for private, and council, if available

Column c) The number of vacant homes

- 2) For the last five financial years (2016/2017 - 2020/2021), please can you tell me how many homes that had been vacant for two or more years were demolished in your authority?

Please could you break this information down by:

Column a) The financial year

Column b) The number of homes demolished

- 3) For the last five financial years (2016/2017 - 2020/2021), please can you tell me how many reports related to squatting in a council-owned vacant property you have received?

Please could you break this information down by:

Column a) The financial year

Column b) The number of reports related to squatting

- 4) For the last five financial years (2016/2017 - 2020/2021) how much money has your council raised from charging extra council tax on homes that have been vacant for two or more years?

Please could you break this information down by:

Column a) The year

Column b) The amount raised via council tax paid on vacant dwellings If time or cost restraints are an issue with this request, please can you prioritise the questions in this order: 1, 2, 3, 4.

Response

- 1) Private Homes in our district - please see the [government website](#) for information on our unoccupied property.

Council Homes (with regards to retained council housing) -Vacant council properties are called 'voids'. As soon as a property becomes empty our repair team inspect works required before they are re-let. As of 30/12/2020 we had 6 long term voids which have not been able to be re-let due to requiring demolition / redevelopment or Major Works

- 2) Please see answer above
- 3) 0
- 4) Empty homes premium - please note: the vast majority of Council tax goes to the County Council, and we only retain around 12% (before we pay parish precepts)
 - 2016 to 2017 - £121,307.46
 - 2017 to 2018 - £132,607.97
 - 2018 to 2019 - £148,322.56
 - 2019 to 2020 - £309,655.64
 - 2020 to 2021 - £466,762.48