

REQUEST 16312

RESPONSE

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I would like to know:

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| <p>1. How many units of social housing that your Council own/manage are currently void/vacant;</p> <p>a. What % of your social housing portfolio does this equate to;</p> <p>b. Over what period are these voids (i.e. when did the first property become void and when was the most recent);</p> <p>c. What are the reasons for these voids; and</p> <p>d. When do you expect these properties to be brought back into use.</p> | <p>1. 529</p> <p>a. 2.48%</p> <p>b. The void properties range from 1st June 2015 up to the end of the reporting period, 25th March 2024.</p> <p>c. Properties become void when tenancies are terminated. The majority of properties are repaired and advertised to be let again, (458 properties) others are held by the Council to allow for development, redesign, demolition or new properties to be built in their place if they are no longer fit for purpose or repair costs are prohibitive. (60 properties). The remainder are used as Temporary Accommodation (11 properties).</p> <p>d. Properties require various void repairs works once terminated before being relet. Each property is assigned a works priority ranging from 7 days to 56 days repair time, Properties are advertised on the Choice Based Lettings system while under-going repairs to ensure that they are let as soon as possible. Therefore, they will be brought back into use as soon as their repairs are completed.</p> |
| <p>2. How many units of private housing that your Council own/manage are currently void/vacant;</p> <p>a. What % of your private housing portfolio does this equate to;</p> <p>b. Over what period are these voids (i.e. when did the first property become void and when was the most recent);</p> <p>c. What are the reasons for these voids; and</p> | <p>2. 3</p> <p>a. 3.7%</p> <p>b. The void properties range from 10th December 2023 (when the first property became void) to 3rd March 2024 (when the most recent property became void).</p> <p>c. 2 properties have become void due to tenancy termination, and 1 property has become void due to a lease end – the tenant has been re-housed prior to the</p> |

lease termination date/property being handed back to the owner.

d. When do you expect these properties to be brought back into use.

d. 2 properties are being returned to the owner/s so will not be brought back into use (1 as detailed above, the other as there is insufficient time left on the lease to allow for a relet); 1 property is Ready for Let, with an allocation to be made within 1-2 weeks.