



May I ask under the Freedom of Information Act for the following data:

1. Does your local authority have an in-date Empty Homes Strategy?

Wigan Council's current Empty Homes Strategy is available at: [Empty-Homes-Strategy](#). It will be updated/refreshed in 2026.

2. Does your local authority employ a dedicated Empty Homes Officer?

No, we do not currently employ a dedicated Empty Homes Officer, although we do employ an Ethical Lettings Agency Engagement Officer, who engages with empty homeowners and provides advice and incentives to help bring properties back into use, including the option of the Council's lease management service.

3. What annual budget is allocated to addressing the issue of Empty Homes for 2025/26?

The annual budget for 2025/26 is £250,000, to be delivered through a pilot Empty Homes Investment Scheme.