



Request

Response

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| 1. How many second homes were registered as of 31 March 2024? | 506 |
| 2. How many second homes qualified for council tax exemptions as of 31 March 2024? | 0 |
| 3. How many second homes were registered as of 31 March 2025? | 500 |
| 4. How many second homes qualified for council tax exemptions as of 31 March 2025? | 0 |
| 5. How many second homes were registered as of 1 March 2026? | 481 |
| 6. How many second homes qualified for council tax exemptions as of 1 March 2026? | 0 |
| 7. How many short term lets were registered as of 31 March 2024? | Information not held. |
| 8. How many short term lets were registered as of 31 March 2025? | Information not held. |
| 9. How many short term lets were registered as of 1 March 2026? | Information not held. |
| 10. How much additional council tax revenue has been generated from second homes premium since April 2025? | <p>We do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format, as such the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>Section 12(1) states that:</p> <p>“A public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.”</p> <p>The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450, which by law is calculated at a rate of £25 per hour, giving a maximum of 18 hours of work.</p> <p>To determine the additional revenue generated specifically from the second homes premium, each relevant council tax account would need to be manually checked.</p> |

Between 01/04/2025 and 01/03/2026, a total of 1,270 individual accounts has had a second homes premium applied for a period of 1 day or more.

The report available to us does not distinguish whether revenue was actually generated, nor does it accurately reflect the true amount due where multiple transactions (including premium exceptions) exist on a single account.

Therefore, each of the 1,270 accounts would need to be manually reviewed against the main database to extract the correct information.

A conservative estimate for checking & extracting information for one account is 3 minutes.

Estimated time required:

1,270 accounts × 3 minutes = 3,810 minutes = 63.5 hours.

This significantly exceeds the 18-hour statutory limit.

For this reason, the Council is not obliged to comply with your request under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as the cost of locating and extracting the information would exceed the appropriate limit.

11. How many people were on the authority's social housing register on 31 March 2025?
12. How many people were on the authority's social housing register on 1 March 2026?

12,328

9,351