



Reference: FOI0901

Request:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please could you tell me how many dwellings have been vacant in your authority each year from 2016 to 2018, with the count broken down by:

Year

The council tax bands (A - H) of the vacant dwellings each year

Could you tell me the total number of bedrooms for the vacant dwellings listed in 2018?

Could you tell me the total number of vacant dwellings that were earmarked for demolition in 2018?

Could you tell me how many dwellings were vacant in your authority in 2018 for:

2 - 4 years

5 - 9 years

10+ years

Could you tell me how many dwellings under the highest value Council Tax Band (H) were vacant in your authority in 2018 for:

2 - 4 years

5 - 9 years

10+ years

Response:

In order to extract this information, we would have to build reports for each year requested to extract properties meeting the criteria. Then each dwelling/account would require a manual check to confirm the status of the property within that year, spanning back 10 years.

Therefore this request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

If applicable: (You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required.)

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