



Reference: FOI3744

**Request:**

**1) How many long term empty properties (properties classed as empty for over 180 days) does the Council currently have as of the 1st April?**

**\*\*1104\*\***

**2) For 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 what percentage of the New Homes Bonus award received was generated from reducing the number of Long Term Empty properties and what was the actual value of that?**

**\* \*\*2018/19 – 0%\*\***

**\* \*\*2019/20 – 0%\*\***

**\* \*\*2020/21 – The % of the total net additions for empty homes brought back into use is 4.2%. The percentage of new homes bonus generated from reducing the number of long-term empty properties is not a figure we hold due to the conversion to band D equivalents, reduction of the national baseline, and the affordable homes premium. However 4.2% of the New Homes Bonus award is £65,484.\*\***

**3) Does the Council work with any third parties to help them reduce the number of Long Term Empty properties in the area. If so whom?**

**\*\*A number of voluntary sector property leasing scheme exist in the borough.\*\***

**\*\*1. Mears Housing Management\*\***

**\*\*2. Nacro\*\***

**\*\*3. Changing Lives (Sanctum)\*\***

**4) Does the Council have any published commitments to reduce the number of Long Term Empty Properties in the area and if so by how many and over what time period?**

**\*\*Please refer to [https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/Housing%20Strategy%202016-21\\_0.pdf](https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/Housing%20Strategy%202016-21_0.pdf)\*\***

**5) How much New Homes Bonus has the council forecast to generate in 2021?**

**\*\*Information not held. We don't forecast New Homes Bonus\*\***