

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

1. The number of households in council housing that are in receipt of Housing Benefit and are covered by the terms of the bedroom tax, that are under-occupying (or believed to be under-occupying) their properties by one bedroom.

2,124

2. The number of households in all social and affordable housing (including council housing) that are in receipt of Housing Benefit and are covered by the terms of the bedroom tax, that are under-occupying (or believed to be under-occupying) their properties by one bedroom

2,124 Council and 1,069 currently known Housing Association = 3,193 total

3. The number of households in council housing that are in receipt of Housing Benefit and are covered by the terms of the bedroom tax, that are under-occupying (or believed to be under-occupying) their properties by two bedrooms

654 Council

4. The number of households in all social and affordable housing (including council housing) that are in receipt of Housing Benefit and are covered by the terms of the bedroom tax, that are under-occupying (or believed to be under-occupying) their properties by two bedrooms

873 (654 Council / 219 Housing Association)

5. The number of households in council housing that are in receipt of Housing Benefit and are covered by the terms of the bedroom tax, that are under-occupying (or believed to be under-occupying) their properties by three or more bedrooms

20 by 3 beds, 4 by 4 bed, 1 by 5 bed. Total of 25 Council

6. The number of households in all social and affordable housing (including council housing) that are in receipt of Housing Benefit and are covered by the terms of the bedroom tax, that are under-occupying (or believed to be under-occupying) their properties by three or more bedrooms

41 by 3 beds, 8 by 4 bed, 2 by 5 bed. Total of 51

7. The total number of households deemed to be under-occupying under the terms of the bedroom tax, and covered by the terms of the bedroom tax, that are deemed to require a one-bedroom property under the criteria applicable to the bedroom tax

The number of Council households that require 1 bedroom is 1243 (based on December stats)

We do not have a breakdown for Housing Association households requiring one beds. Therefore, this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

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