

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – empty homes**

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

**You asked:**

**How many vacant dwellings are there in your local authority area?**

3,542

**How many long-term vacants are there in your local authority area?**

494 properties have been vacant for two years or more

**What level (%) of council tax does your council charge on second homes?**

100%

**What level (%) of council tax does your council charge on long-term empty properties i.e. do you make use of the empty-homes premium or allow discounts?**

- Properties that have been unoccupied and unfurnished (vacant) for up to one calendar month receive 100% discount.
- Properties that have been vacant for one calendar month and up to two years receive 0% discount.
- Properties that have been vacant for two years or more are charged a 50% premium.

**Do you intend to introduce the empty-homes premium on long-term empty homes in your area?**

The empty homes premium is already charged as above.

The legislation allows you to use the information supplied for your own personal use, or for journalistic purposes. If the information is a dataset (which does not relate to the environment), you may also use the information for commercial re-use under an [Open Government Licence](#).

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

**Information Governance Manager  
Information and Support  
Leicester City Council  
FREEPOST (LE985/33)  
New Walk Centre  
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG  
e-mail: [info.requests@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:info.requests@leicester.gov.uk)**

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You may also seek independent advice from the Information Commissioner at:

**Information Commissioner's Office**

**Wycliffe House**

**Water Lane**

**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**

**Telephone: 01625 545 700**

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