

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. **What was the total number of empty residential dwellings in your local authority on 31st March 2012 (excluding second homes)?**
4815
 - a. **Of these, how many are privately owned?**
3512
 - b. **Of these, how many are owned by the council?**
337
 - c. **Of these, how many are owned by housing associations?**
441
 - d. **Of these, how many are owned by any other public body?**
525

2. **How many long term empty residential dwellings were there in your local authority on 31st March 2012 (excluding second homes)?**
2570
 - a. **Of these, how many are privately owned?**
1903
 - b. **Of these, how many are owned by the council?**
107
 - c. **Of these, how many are owned by housing associations?**
265
 - d. **Of these, how many are owned by any other public body?**
295

3. **What is the longest length of time that a privately-owned residential dwelling in your local authority has been empty for?**
Over 10 years

4. **What is the longest length of time that a Council-owned residential dwelling in your local authority has been empty for?**
Over 10 years*

5. **What is the longest length of time that a residential dwelling owned by a Housing Association in your local authority has been empty for?**
Over 10 years

6. **How many households were on the housing waiting list in your local authority on 1st April 2012?**
9,223

7. What is the total number of residential dwellings that have been demolished in your local authority in the past 12 months?
2
- a. Of these, how many were privately owned?
2
 - b. Of these, how many were Council owned?
0
 - c. Of these, how many were owned by a housing association?
0
 - d. Of these, how many had been empty for 6 months or longer prior to demolition?
unknown
8. What is the total number of residential dwellings that have been demolished in your local authority in the past 5 years?
28
- a. Of these, how many were privately owned?
16
 - b. Of these, how many were Council owned?
12
 - c. Of these, how many were owned by a housing association?
0
 - d. Of these, how many had been empty for 6 months or longer prior to demolition?
unknown
9. What is the total number of residential dwellings that have been demolished in your local authority in the past 10 years?
128
- a. Of these, how many were privately owned?
44
 - b. Of these, how many were Council owned?
84
 - c. Of these, how many were owned by a housing association?
0
 - d. Of these, how many had been empty for 6 months or longer prior to demolition?
N/A
(Council 1)
10. How many residential dwellings are scheduled for demolition in the next 3 years in your local authority?
unknown
- a. Of these, how many are privately owned?
N/A
 - b. Of these, how many are owned by the Council?
21
 - c. Of these, how many are owned by a housing association?
N/A

d. Of these, how many are currently empty?

N/A

(Council 14)

The numbers of residential dwellings that have been demolished over the past ten years could be established from Building Control records but would take an excessive amount of time to retrieve.

Information about council housing is available from a different source and has been included.

*The very long term empty council owned homes (Q4) are ones bought for road widening schemes and the like rather than housing which is part of the regular housing stock. Two years is the maximum period empty for the housing stock and that was a unit kept empty for demolition.

For your additional information I would suggest that the numbers of residential dwellings that have been demolished over the past ten years across the city will be very limited. The council has not had a demolition programme of unsatisfactory private housing for some 35 years. Following a change in Government policy Leicester adopted an ambitious private housing renewal programme that ran from 1976 to 2010. This replaced the need for demolition. About 30% of the city's housing stock was built before 1919.

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