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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear Linda Baddeley

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Birmingham City Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

Request

“1. What is the average number of Birmingham City Council-owned residential properties that are unoccupied at any given time?

2. What is the average length of time that Birmingham City Council-owned residential properties remain unoccupied between tenancies?

3. What is the current total number of Birmingham City Council-owned residential Long Term Empty Properties (those domestic properties which have been empty for six months or older)?

If current numbers are not available, please give the last known figure and the date/period that figure applies to.

4. What are the numbers, categorised by property type and number of bedrooms, of properties included in the total Birmingham City Council-owned Long Term Empty Property number from question 3. (i.e. number of 1 bedroom houses, number of 2 bedroom houses, number of one bedroom high-rise flats, etc.)

If this is not possible within the FOI cost/time limit, please just give the total number for each type of property. (i.e total number of high-rise flats, total number of houses, etc.)”

Response

“1. What is the average number of Birmingham City Council-owned residential properties that are unoccupied at any given time?”

The average number of unoccupied Council-owned residential properties at any given time is 541.

“2. What is the average length of time that Birmingham City Council-owned residential properties remain unoccupied between tenancies?”

The average length of time Council-owned residential properties are left unoccupied between tenancies is 41.66 days.

“3. What is the current total number of Birmingham City Council-owned residential Long Term Empty Properties (those domestic properties which have been empty for six months or older)? If current numbers are not available, please give the last known figure and the date/period that figure applies to.”

The current total of long term empty properties that have been left unoccupied for six months or more is 50.

“4. What are the numbers, categorised by property type and number of bedrooms, of properties included in the total Birmingham City Council-owned Long Term Empty Property number from question 3. (i.e. number of 1 bedroom houses, number of 2 bedroom houses, number of one bedroom high-rise flats, etc.) If this is not possible within the FOI cost/time limit, please just give the total number for each type of property. (i.e total number of high-rise flats, total number of houses, etc.)”

Please see figures below.

Bungalow = 1

Flats = 26

Houses = 21(9x2 beds, 11x3 beds, 1x4 beds)

Maisonettes = 2

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

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