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You Requested:	Requestor: Jeff Diamond	

Number of empty properties bought back into occupation in 2017/18 through the following means:

- a) Compulsory Purchase Order (and typical costs and timescales to involved)?
- b) Empty Dwelling Management Order (Housing Act 2004 s134 and any issues with Residential Property Tribunals)?
- c) Enforced Sale (Law of Property Act 1925 s103)?
- d) Informal action (e.g. visits/telephone conversations and letters – how many?)
- e) Other means : please could you indicate what these are?
- f) Cost of service and how funded?
- g) Staff costs/number of staff?
- h) Total number of properties brought back into use?

Our Response:

- a) Compulsory Purchase Order (and typical costs and timescales to involved)?
Nil
- b) Empty Dwelling Management Order (Housing Act 2004 s134 and any issues with Residential Property Tribunals)?
Nil
- c) Enforced Sale (Law of Property Act 1925 s103)?
Nil
- d) Informal action (e.g. visits/telephone conversations and letters – how many?)
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- e) Other means : please could you indicate what these are?
79 made up of grants, loans and leasing through social housing providers
- f) Cost of service and how funded?
£126,572 funded by Revenues
- g) Staff costs/number of staff?
£126,572. No of staff = 4
- h) Total number of properties brought back into use?
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Attachments: None

Exemptions Applied: None

The Public Interest Test: Not applicable

Review Procedure

I hope that this information is of assistance. However, if you feel that this particular request has not been complied with fully under the terms of the Act then please put your grounds in writing stating exactly why our interpretation of the Act and guidance has been incorrect and email that to: foi@durham.gov.uk.

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