

Can the council please confirm their current number of Long Term Empty Properties (Not paying council tax / business rates - Deemed Empty) as of the 30th June 2022 (Both domestic & commercial properties which have been empty for six months or longer). **These are the numbers of commercial properties and domestic empty for 6 months or more NNDR = 493 CTAX = 735**

What work is the council currently undertaking or planning to undertake around reducing their long term empty properties in 2022-onwards? **Information on the Empty Homes Programme can be found here: [Empty homes programme - burnley.gov.uk](https://burnley.gov.uk/empty-homes-programme)**

Have the council acquired land/property via compulsory purchase orders? If so, how many properties / parcels of land? **Yes, as part of the Empty Homes Programme, the council (in 2021-22) made 10 compulsory purchase orders.**

During 2021/2022 has the council undertaken any work around reducing your Long Term Empty Properties? If you did was this done using internal resources or third party organisations/contractors? **Yes, the council have an Empty Homes team**

If yes is the answer to question three, did the council review every single long term property in the borough? **No**

Does the reduction of empty homes in the council area form part of your housing/homelessness strategies? **No**

Does the council have a budget in place to help support the reduction of empty properties? If so, what is the total amount of this budget? **In 2022-23 the budget is £1.3m**

How much did the council spend on temporary accommodation during 2021/2022? **£198,576.93 but we received £103,559.36 in HB to off set against the cost making a total spend of £95,017.57**

Does the council offer financial/legal support/assistance to Long Term Empty property owners to help them bring properties back into use? If so, please attach details of any potential funding **Yes, we offer:**

Empty Homes Loan

The purpose of the Empty Homes Loan is to provide funds to ensure landlords undertake work to bring a property back in to use. The loans are not available to fund the purchase of a property.

The loans are available in the current Selective Licensing Areas and are for a maximum of £25,000, interest free, repayable over a maximum 12 year period. Loans outside of these areas are available on a first come first served basis for a maximum of £20,000 repayable over a maximum 10 year period. Funding, however, is **not available for HMO conversions.**

The council also offer to pay the Selective Licensing fee, if a loan is used in one of these areas and we also offer a council tax rebate.