

Freedom of Information Act 2000

FOI Request - Vacant residential and commercial council properties



Ref No: **FOI-2122-0141-042252**

Q1: I would like to request a list of All Empty/vacant Portsmouth City Council Properties, Can you kindly include details such as:

- 1. How long have they been empty.**
- 2. Property size, Bedrooms etc.**
- 3. Property Address**
- 4. Property Ownership if its PCC, Housing Association, Private**

Response:

I can confirm that the Council hold's the information requested, however, it is exempt from disclosure on the basis of the following exemption to disclosure:

- **S31 – Law Enforcement.**

For further details regarding the application of this exemption please see "FOI-2021-0102PIT", where the Council recently considered the disclosure of this information in regards to another request.

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Service Director – Legal and Governance
Southampton City Council
Civic Centre
SOUTHAMPTON
SO14 7LT

Email: legal@southampton.gov.uk

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