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Our Ref: TWC-52049

Dear Ms Ryall,

### **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 – Information Request -TWC-52049**

Further to your recent request, please see below.

1. Can the council confirm their current number of Long Term Empty Properties as of the 8th May (those domestic properties which have been empty for six months or older)

**660.**

2. What work is the council currently undertaking or planning to undertake around reducing their long term empty properties in 2019?

**We proactively target those empty properties by contacting them to offer advice.**

3. 3During 2018 did you undertake any work around reducing your Long Term Empty Properties. If you did was this done using internal resource or a third party?

**We do not use third party.**

4. If yes is the answer to question three, did the council review every single long term property?

**We contact those long term empty properties offering advice.**

5. Does the reduction of empty homes in the council area form part of your Housing strategy?

**Not as part of the strategy but is as part of the homelessness actions.**

6. Does the council have a budget in place to help support the reduction of empty properties?

**No.**



7. How much did the council spend on temporary accommodation during 2018/19?

**£1,024,190 (unaudited figure).**

8. Does the council offer financial support /loans to Long Term Empty property owners to help them bring properties back into use?

**No.**

If you are not happy with the information you have received, you have the right to appeal. Please send us the reasons for your appeal to the above address and mark for the attention of Information Governance, Freedom of Information – Appeal on or before 28/09/2019.

Please remember to quote the above reference number in all related correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

**Sam Devonshire**  
**Information Governance**