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Mr Alex Arthur

Date: 16 May 2019
Our Reference: 5099766

Dear Mr Arthur

Information Request - 5099766 - Long Term Empty Properties

I am responding to your request for information, which has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) and logged as case 5099766.

Your request is as follows:

- 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)*
- 2) *What work is the council currently undertaking or planning to undertake around reducing their long term empty properties in 2019?*
- 3) *During 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?*
- 4) *If yes is the answer to question three, did the council review every single long term property*
- 5) *Does the reduction of empty homes in the council area form part of your Housing strategy?*
- 6) *Does the council have a budget in place to help support the reduction of empty properties?*
- 7) *How much did the council spend on temporary accommodation during 2018?*
- 8) *Does the council offer financial support /loans to Long Term Empty property owners to help them bring properties back into use?*

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by Cheshire East Council.

The information is not held because Cheshire East Council is a Non stock holding authority.

Please quote the reference number 5099766 in any future communications.

Please note that an anonymised copy of this response may be published in the Council's Disclosure Log, which is available online at the following address: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/foi

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request or if you are not happy with the way your request has been handled, you can request an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 20 working days of our response by emailing foi@cheshireeast.gov.uk or in writing to Compliance & Customer Relations Team, Cheshire East Council, 1st Floor, Westfields, c/o Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you then have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF; Tel: 0303 123 1113; Fax: 01625 524510 or <https://ico.org.uk> The Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the Council's internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely

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