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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Your request for information (received on 14 May 2019) has now been considered and the response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

I am writing to you to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

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)

Answer: 290

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

Answer: *Cleansing of Council Tax data, contacting long term empty owners with an option to purchase*

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?

Answer: *Cleansing of council tax data*

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

Answer: No

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

Answer: Yes

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

Answer: Yes



7) How much did the council spend on temporary accommodation during 2018?

Answer: £428.70

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

Answer: Yes

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The Information Commissioner Wycliffe House Water Lane Winslow SK9 5AF	Tel: 0303 123 1113 Email: casework@ico.org.uk Website: www.ico.org.uk
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