

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 003427 **Date** S April 2019

Empty Property Premium

Request:

I would like the following information:

- 1. The number of people in the tax year 2018/2019 that were pursued for the empty property premium and how many ended up paying the 150%. As of the 31/03/2019 there are 628 accounts that included the Empty Property Premium for at least some part of the financial year 2018-19. Of which 472 have paid their Council Tax liability in full. The remaining 156 accounts have a balance outstanding on their accounts.
- 2. The number of people in the current tax year you are pursuing for the empty property premium and how many people are being charged for each banding, i.e. the 200% council tax for 2 4 years empty, 300%, 400% etc. Currently (as of the 12/04/2019) we have 447 accounts which have been empty in excess of 2 years. These accounts have a 100% charge in addition to their applicable council tax liability for 2019-20.

Please note the information provided is as per our records show on the dates stated. This is because Council Tax records can change based on new and up to date information as and when received.