



Response to Request for Information

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Empty homes, second homes, and unoccupied properties

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2004, I am requesting the following information:

- 1) The total number of residential properties in your local authority area that were classed as second homes in each of the years 2012/3, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, and 2016/7?
- 2) The total number of residential properties in your local authority area that were classed as unoccupied and substantially unfurnished in each of the years 2012/3, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, and 2016/7?
- 3) The total number of residential properties in your local authority area that are classed as empty in each of the years 2012/3, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, and 2016/7?
- 4) The level of council tax discount your local authority provided for second homes in each of the years 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, and 2016/17?
- 5) The level of council tax discount your local authority provided for properties which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished in each of the years 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, and 2016/17?
- 6) The rate of additional council tax your local authority charged under the empty homes premium in each of the years 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, and 2016/17?
- 7) The number of empty properties in your local authority area which were charged the empty homes premium in each of the years 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, and 2016/17?.

[The information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you](#)

[The information collected from councils about second homes, empty properties and the discounts and premiums associated with these is published each year by the government. Details can be found at:](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/council-taxbase-statistics>.

For each year there are various information sets available but “Council taxbase local authority data” for each of the respective years will contain the information requested. Please note for 2010 the data is in the “revised” publication data.

Information is held in these data sets for every local authority in the country. Once the document has opened you will need to select “Wolverhampton” from the list at the very top of the form in order to see data for the city.

Levels of discount provided by the authority are as set out below

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
The level of council tax discount your local authority provided for second homes	25%	Zero 50% for job related dwellings	Zero 50% for job related dwellings	Zero 50% for job related dwellings	Zero 50% for job related dwellings
The level of council tax discount your local authority provided for properties which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished	100%	100% for 21 days	100% for 21 days	100% for 21 days	Zero
The rate of additional council tax your local authority charged under the empty homes premium	Zero	50%	50%	50%	50%