

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002296
Date 15 May 2018

Council Tax – Empty Properties

Request:

1. The number of empty properties in the council's jurisdiction with extra Council Tax rates.

Year	No. of Empty Properties with an additional charge
2013	699
2014	642
2015	615
2016	570
2017	554
Total	3,080

2. The value of extra Council Tax collected on empty properties in the council's jurisdiction.

In respect of question 2, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we are unable to disaggregate the collection of the additional council tax from the collection of any other amounts due. We are likewise unable to disaggregate council tax due for a period when the property was empty from that due in respect of another period on the same account.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, we can provide you with the following table providing information about the amount of additional council tax which has been charged which we hope will prove useful.

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

Year	Amount of additional Council Tax raised
	£
2013	226,186.24
2014	223,717.32
2015	215,988.45
2016	216,192.38
2017	231,083.30
Total	1,113,167.69

I would like the data broken down by year for each of the last five years, with a preferable year-end date of March 31. If this is not possible then please use the year end used internally.

The information provided in the above table relates to financial years ending 31 March.

If you are unable to provide five years of data, please provide three years of data, otherwise please provide data for the last two years.