

FOI number: **HBC\_FOI\_20190169**  
Date FOI Received: **28/02/2019**  
Department: **Council Tax**  
Title: **Empty dwellings**  
Description: **Details of the number of vacant dwellings between 2016-2018 including number of bedrooms and whether earmarked for demolition.**

**Request:** *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

Please could you tell me how many dwellings have been vacant in your authority each year from 2016 to 2018, with the count broken down by:

- Year
- The council tax bands (A - H) of the vacant dwellings each year

Could you tell me the total number of bedrooms for the vacant dwellings listed in 2018?  
Could you tell me the total number of vacant dwellings that were earmarked for demolition in 2018?

Could you tell me how many dwellings were vacant in your authority in 2018 for:

- 2 - 4 years
- 5 - 9 years
- 10+ years

Could you tell me how many dwellings under the highest value Council Tax Band (H) were vacant in your authority in 2018 for:

- 2 - 4 years
- 5 - 9 years
- 10+ years

Preferred format: machine readable / Excel

**Response:** *(Response as Redacted sent by service)*

Please see attached spreadsheet. There is one worksheet for the first question regarding the empties via band and one worksheet for the other two questions regarding the age of empty properties.

**<ATTACHED BELOW>**

We do not hold information on the number of bedrooms in each property and whether or not a property is earmarked for demolition.

If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to

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Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards  
Information Services

### Empty Properties by Band

	2018	2017	2016
A	71	64	53
B	170	165	133
C	286	270	241
D	473	427	333
E	252	264	213
F	116	139	131
G	133	119	110
H	35	34	45
Unbanded	20	27	8
<b>total</b>	<b>1556</b>	<b>1509</b>	<b>1267</b>

### Empty Properties By Age

	Total number	Band H only
<b>2-4 years</b>	175	5
<b>5-9 years</b>	77	2
<b>10+ years</b>	57	3