



# EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-050, please find your question and our response below.

## Request:

I would like to request the following data under the Freedom of Information Act.

1) As of 3rd May 2023 (or the most recently available date), please could you tell me how many private and council homes have been vacant in your authority for the following numbers of financial years\*:

- a. Less than one year (i.e. current financial year)
- b. One year
- c. Two years
- d. Three years
- e. Four years
- f. Five years
- g. Six years
- h. Seven years
- i. Eight years
- j. Nine years
- k. Ten years
- l. 11 - 19 years
- m. 20 or more years

\*Please treat 'years' as financial years. If a home has been listed as empty within the current financial year, I would expect this to be listed as 'less than one year'.

Please could you break this information down by:

Column a) The 'number of years'

Column b) 'Private' or 'council' home - a separate count for private, and council, if available

Column c) The number of vacant homes

2) For the financial years (2016/2017 - 2021/2022 and any data available for 2022/2023), how much money has your council raised from charging extra council tax on homes that have been vacant for two or more years?

Please could you break this information down by:

Column a) The year

Column b) The amount raised via council tax paid on vacant dwellings

## Response:

Please see attached spreadsheet for information on private homes. East Cambridgeshire District Council do not own or operate any social housing.

Please note: we have included any properties with any of the following discount indicators set:

Standard Empty

Second Home - class A

Second Home - class B

Long Term Empty Home

Empty Uninhabitable/Major Works

Empty Unoccupied and Unfurnished

Long Term Empty Premium

With regards to question 2, these are the total amounts of remittances received in respect of notices where the discount indicator is set as long term empty premium.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-050.

If information has been refused please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach [foi@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:foi@eastcambs.gov.uk) and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.