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I write further to your email dated 01 March 2021.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

- 1) As of 26th February 2021 (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:

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Council</i>
<i>Less than 1 Year</i>	<i>623</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>1-2 Years</i>	<i>196</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>2-3 Years</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>3-4 Years</i>	<i>37</i>	
<i>4-5 Years</i>	<i>17</i>	
<i>5-6 Years</i>	<i>7</i>	
<i>6-7 Years</i>	<i>6</i>	
<i>7-8 Years</i>	<i>3</i>	
<i>8-9 Years</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>9-10 Years</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>10-11 Years</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>11-12 Years</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>12-13 Years</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>13-14 Years</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>14-15 Years</i>	<i>17</i>	
<i>15-16 Years</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>16-17 Years</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>17-18 Years</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>18-19 Years</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>19-20 Years</i>	<i>0</i>	

- 2) For the last five financial years (2016/2017 - 2020/2021), please can you tell me how many homes that had been vacant for two or more years were demolished in your authority?
Information not held, empty status is not recorded when a property is demolished.

- 3) For the last five financial years (2016/2017 - 2020/2021), please can you tell me how many reports related to squatting in a council-owned vacant property you have received?

None.

- 4) For the last five financial years (2016/2017 - 2020/2021) how much money has your council raised from charging extra council tax on homes that have been vacant for two or more years?

2019/20 - £130,430.77

2020/21 - £139,685.79

No premium charged prior to 2019/20.

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Further details on our appeals and complaints procedure can be found on our website [here](#).

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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