**WBCIR:14097**

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

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\*:
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**

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|   | **Financial year** | **Wokingham Borough Council** | **Other** | **Number empty properties** |
| ***Less than one year (i.e. current financial year)*** | 2020/21 | 64 | 625 | 689 |
| **one year** | 2019/20 | 36 | 181 | 217 |
| **two years** | 2018/19 | 10 | 36 | 46 |
| **three years** | 2017/18 | 1 | 13 | 14 |
| **four years** | 2016/17 |   | 6 | 6 |
| **five years** | 2015/16 | 1 | 14 | 15 |
| **six years** | 2014/15 |   | 6 | 6 |
| **seven years** | 2013/14 |   | 3 | 3 |
| **eight years** | 2012/13 |   | 0 | 0 |
| **nine years** | 2011/12 |   | 1 | 1 |
| **ten years** | 2010/11 |   | 1 | 1 |
| **11-19 years** |   |   | 6 | 6 |
| **20 or more years** |   |   | 1 | 1 |
|   |   | **112** | **893** | **1005** |

 **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?
Please could you break this information down by:
Column a) The financial year
Column b) The number of homes demolished**

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| **Financial year** | **Number homes demolished** |
| 2020/21 | 3 |
| 2019/20 | 12 |
| 2018/19 | 6 |
| 2017/18 | 6 |
| 2016/17 | 1 |

 **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?
Please could you break this information down by:
Column a) The financial year
Column b) The number of reports related to squatting**

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?
Please could you break this information down by:
Column a) The year
Column b) The amount raised via council tax paid on vacant dwellings**

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| **Year** |   |
| 2016/17 | £32,090.11 |
| 2017/18 | £48,470.59 |
| 2018/19 | £55,972.49 |
| 2019/20 | £117,221.16 |
| 2020/21 | £122,136.09 |
| **Total** | £375,890.44 |