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Dear [name redacted]

### **Freedom of Information – Request for Information**

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

#### **Details of Your Request**

1. How many social housing residential properties have been empty for more than 6 months? If possible state the reason why the properties are empty e.g. 'due to poor state of repair'.
2. How many social housing residential properties are currently available and ready to move into? (categorise such as 1 bedroom flat, 2 bedroom etc)
3. How many people are currently on a waiting list for social housing and what is the average time somebody is on the waiting list for?
4. What is the most commonly requested type of property? (3 bedroom house, bungalow etc)
5. Has the council got any plans to build more council homes and when is the building likely to commence? (categorise by type of property)
6. How many tenants are currently seeking rehousing? (Also state the number wishing to down size or increase size)
7. How many social housing / council tenants currently have applications in via the Right to Buy scheme?
8. How many properties were sold via Right to Buy in the last 24 months?

**The response to your request as follows:**

- 1) 3**
  - a) 2 due to damage following a house fire**
  - b) 1 being used as a decant property whilst works to a home are being carried out.**

- 2) 4
  - a) 3 x 1 bedroom flats
  - b) 1 x 2 bedroom bungalow
- 3) At the end of January 2016 there were 1662 people on the Housing Register. The Council operates a choice based scheme so there isn't an average time for people waiting to be housed as that is based on the property type and where people are willing to consider a move to. The lettings results are published on our Finding a Home website ;  
<http://findingahometamworth.co.uk/content/recent-lettings.aspx>
- 4) On the Housing Register the most in demand property type was one bedroom – of the 1662 on the housing register - 1022 at the end of January 2016 were a one bedroom need and 490 were a 2 bedroom need, 109 were a three bed and 41 were a 4+ bed need
- 5) Yes, <https://yourhometamworth.wordpress.com/>
- 6) There are 228 tenants currently waiting to transfer and 45 are looking to move to a larger property and 72 are looking to downsize.
- 7) 33
- 8) 71

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Yours Sincerely

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