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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**

- *How many empty homes has your authority registered as vacant in the financial year 2015/2016.*
- *How many of those properties have lay vacant for over a) two years b) five years and c) ten years*
- *In the year 2016-2017 how many of those homes have been brought into use? By that I mean is now occupied?*
- *How many Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOS) has your authority used in the last five years?*

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

- 1. Empty Homes TBC registered as vacant (a total of each month from April 2016-Jan 2017) as follows:**

**April 2016: 220 TOTAL 38 of which are EXORS**  
**May 2016: 218 TOTAL 43 of which are EXORS**  
**June 2016: 219 TOTAL 45 of which are EXORS**  
**July & August 2016: 232 TOTAL 49 of which are EXORS**  
**September 2016: 229 TOTAL 47 of which are EXORS**  
**October 2016: 197 TOTAL 40 of which are EXORS**  
**November 2016: 211 TOTAL 42 of which are EXORS**  
**December 2016: 217 TOTAL 46 of which are EXORS**  
**January 2017: 226 TOTAL 53 of which are EXORS**

- 2. As of time period Jan 2017:**

- a) Two years= 122 properties**
- b) Five years= 26 properties**
- c) Ten years= 2 properties**

**The above lists of vacant properties include Council's properties which are pending regeneration. And the figures also account of families in the process of sorting affairs out/ applying for probate.**

**The normal reason for a property to drop off the list is that a sale has gone through**

- 3. Information not held – As you can see from outlined in Part 1, the number can increase and decrease but the number of properties that are in the care of an executor of somebody's Will can increase or decrease too and not necessarily in any form of pattern. Therefore, just because the property number drops does not necessarily mean they have been brought back into use.**
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Yours Sincerely

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