

Response to Request for Information

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Housing Tenure Data

Request:

Please can you provide the following information for your Housing Tenure Data as applicable:

1. As part of the authority's Council Tax Registration process, do you collect data on property tenure?

Yes for all tenures

Yes for rental properties only

No (Please give reason why)

a. Please provide reasons why data is not collected

2. For rental properties, do you ask for information about the landlord?

Yes

No

a. Other answer:

3. Which Council departments/services can access the tenure/landlord data?

All

Housing

Planning/Development Control

Finance/Benefits

Environmental Services

Trading Standards

Licensing (Mandatory/Additional/Selective)

Customer Services

a. Other (Please list)

Electoral Registration; Legal

4. If you limit which departments can access this data, for what reasons do you do so?

Any limit is based on a legislative requirement.

5. Is the landlord data used when assessing the size of the PRS for any of the following duties or purposes:

Yes - Housing condition surveys to fulfil duties under s3 of the Housing Act 2004?

Yes - In developing an overall housing strategy?

Yes - Securing the effective implementation of HMO licensing under s55 of the Housing Act 2004?

Yes - In considering making an HMO licensing designation under s56 of the Housing Act 2004?

Yes - In considering making a selective licensing designation under s80 of the Housing Act 2004?

a. Any other purposes?

While direct information on tenure is not available, details of the occupants, the owner and leaseholders is collected. From this information, reasonable assumptions can be made regarding the tenure of the property. Council Tax data along with census and crime statistics would form the basis of consultation on HMO or Selective Licensing areas. Cross referencing of Council Tax data against Land Registry information forms the basis of proactive and reactive inspections under the Housing Act 2004.