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Request

Dear Winchester City Council FOI Team,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information about garages owned or managed by your council. Please provide the following:

Primary Questions

1. Total number of garages currently owned or managed by the council
2. Total number of garage blocks
3. Number of garages currently tenanted
4. Number of garages currently vacant
5. Average monthly rental price for a garage
6. Number of garages considered unlettable or in disrepair
7. Whether garage management is handled internally or outsourced (if outsourced, please name the third party)
8. Estimated annual revenue lost due to vacant garages
9. Average duration garages sit vacant before being re-let

Secondary Questions (optional, if readily available)

1. Garage occupancy rates for the past 3 years
2. Breakdown of void reasons (e.g. disrepair, access issues, planning constraints)
3. Lettings policy or eligibility criteria for tenants (e.g. can anyone rent them?)
4. Number of people currently on a waiting list for garages (if one exists)
5. Software/system used to manage garage lettings
6. Total rental income from garages in the last financial year
7. Any plans to sell, redevelop, or repurpose parts of the garage portfolio in the next 3 years
8. Number of people employed internally to manage the garages
9. Average response time to an inbound garage enquiry

Response

Primary Questions

1. Total number of garages currently owned or managed by the council
1580
2. Total number of garage blocks
249
3. Number of garages currently tenanted
1374

4. Number of garages currently vacant
206

5. Average monthly rental price for a garage
£81.95

6. Number of garages considered unlettable or in disrepair
38

7. Whether garage management is handled internally or outsourced (if outsourced, please name the third party)
Garages are managed internally by WCC staff

8. Estimated annual revenue lost due to vacant garages
£95,056.98

9. Average duration garages sit vacant before being re-let.
This is not information we collect

● Secondary Questions (optional, if readily available)

10. Garage occupancy rates for the past 3 years
More than 87.5%

11. Breakdown of void reasons (e.g. disrepair, access issues, planning constraints)
This is not information we collect

12. Lettings policy or eligibility criteria for tenants (e.g. can anyone rent them?)
Anyone can join the waiting list

13. Number of people currently on a waiting list for garages (if one exists)
340

14. Software/system used to manage garage lettings
Housing Enterprise

15. Total rental income from garages in the last financial year
£775,095.48

16. Any plans to sell, redevelop, or repurpose parts of the garage portfolio in the next 3 years
Not that I am aware of

17. Number of people employed internally to manage the garages
1 FTE

18. Average response time to an inbound garage enquiry
We have a 10 day corporate response to emails

