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Request

Please provide the following information relating to derelict, uninhabitable or long term empty buildings in your council area.

1. Long term empty residential properties Please provide, for each of the past five financial years (or the maximum period available if shorter):
 - a) The total number of residential properties recorded as empty for more than 12 months
 - b) The number of those properties recorded as empty for more than five years
 - c) The number of properties subject to any long term empty council tax premium If held, please provide figures as annual snapshots.
2. Properties recorded as uninhabitable/derelict Please provide:
 - a) The number of properties that have been removed from the council tax or business rates list on the basis that they are uninhabitable, incapable of beneficial occupation, or derelict, for each of the past five financial years
 - b) If available, a breakdown by: - Residential - Commercial / non domestic
3. Enforcement and safety action For each of the past five financial years, please provide:
 - a) The number of Dangerous Structure notices, Environmental Protection Act notices, or similar enforcement actions issued in relation to empty, derelict, or unsafe buildings
 - b) The number of cases where the council has undertaken works in default on empty or derelict buildings
4. Council expenditure Please provide, for each of the past five financial years:
 - a) The total expenditure incurred by the council responding to or managing derelict or long term empty buildings, including (where identifiable):
 - Emergency safety works
 - Securing or fencing buildings
 - Legal and enforcement costs

If an exact figure is not recorded, please provide the best estimate available or indicate that the information is not held.

5. Compulsory purchase and acquisition Please state:

- a) The number of occasions in the past five financial years where the council has:
- o Considered
 - o Initiated

- Completed a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) or equivalent acquisition relating to empty, derelict, or long term unused buildings.

6. Definitions and caveats If the council uses a local definition or classification for terms such as “derelict”, “uninhabitable” or “long term empty”, please provide a brief explanation or reference to relevant policy documents.

Response

1. Please note that the information below has been taken from 1 April in each year.

	A	B	C
01/04/2022	262	20	78
01/04/2023	222	20	84
01/04/2024	271	32	62
01/04/2025	224	27	186
01/04/2026	256	29	207

2. We do not record this information and I am unable to produce this information retrospectively
3. (a) 3 notices served (all environmental protection act) in 2021/22 - nil return for the remaining 4 financial years.
(b) One occasion in 2021/22
4. Approximately £1,700 on works in default.
5. 0
6. Other definitions can be found in the council's empty property strategy [Empty Properties - Winchester City Council](#)

