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| <b>FOI REF:</b>       | 17511      |
| <b>RESPONSE SENT:</b> | 11/08/2026 |

## Request

### 1. Use of External Property Tracing Services

Please confirm whether the Council currently engages, or has engaged within the last three years, any external organisation to assist in identifying, tracing, or locating the owners of privately owned residential properties that are empty, or suspected to be empty.

If so, please provide:

- The name of each organisation engaged.
- The nature of the services provided; and
- The dates during which those services were used.

### 2. Responsible Officers and Teams

Please provide the following details for the officer(s) and/or team responsible for the Council's work relating to privately owned residential empty homes:

- Name:
- Job title:
- Email address:
- Direct telephone number:

Where individual contact details are exempt from disclosure, please provide the relevant team contact details instead.

## Response

1. No current or previous engagement with any external organisation to assist in identifying, tracing, or locating the owners of privately owned residential properties that are empty, or suspected to be empty.

### 2. Private Sector Housing Officer

- Email address: [housing@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:housing@winchester.gov.uk)
- Direct telephone number: 01962 848 400

