

59052 Temporary Accommodation Expenditure and Void Properties

I am writing to request the following information regarding temporary accommodation and social housing provision within your authority.

Expenditure:

Please confirm the total amount spent by the council on temporary accommodation placements within the private rented sector during the most recent full financial year.

Based on "private rented sector" meaning, PSL (Private Sector Leasing) and PRA (Private Rented Accommodation), for 2024/25 the total amount spent was £26,389,528.

Void Properties (Temporary Accommodation):

Please confirm the current number of void (unoccupied) properties that the council has within its temporary accommodation portfolio.

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Subsidy Loss:

Please provide the total subsidy loss related to temporary accommodation for the most recent full financial year.

Subsidy loss is the amount of money the council need to release from its general fund to cover what the DWP won't cover. For example: Rent = £1,000 - Housing Benefit £800 = Subsidy loss = £200.

The Subsidy Loss for 2024/25 was £23,885,872 for self-contained and non-self-contained accommodation.

Families Awaiting Placement:

Please state the current number of families awaiting suitable temporary accommodation.

There are 34 households currently unsuitably accommodated.

Empty/Decanted Properties for Regeneration:

Please provide the number of council-owned properties currently empty or decanted and awaiting regeneration or redevelopment.

There are 391 Council properties void as at 29 December 2025 due to either being used for decants while tenancies are undergoing repair or improvement works or are in the process of having repairs carried out / part of a retrofit programme.