



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-247, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Please could you provide, for the most recent available year:

1. The number of properties in the East Cambridgeshire District that are currently charged the council tax premium for second homes.
2. The number of properties charged the council tax premium for long-term empty homes (vacant for more than 6 months).
3. If possible, please break this information down by parish or postcode district (e.g., NR25, NR26, etc.).

Response:

1. East Cambridgeshire District Council does not currently apply a Second Home Premium. From 01.04.2026 East Cambridgeshire District Council has agreed to charge a council tax premium in respect of second homes; these are furnished properties that are no one's sole or main residence.
2. To clarify, with effect from 01.04.25 East Cambridgeshire District Council charges a council tax premium where a property has been empty for more than 12 months.
 - The number of properties that have been empty for more than six months at 31.08.25 is 490
 - The number of properties that have been empty for more than twelve months as at 31.08.25 and are therefore subject to a council tax premium is 265.
3. Please see attachment.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-247.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.