



Department for
Communities and
Local Government

By email only

24 November 2015

Dear Colleague,

Sale of Local Authority High Value Assets – Housing Stock Information request

Following agreement by the Central Local Information Partnership and the Single Data List Gateway, I am writing to request data about your council's housing stock. This will help inform the development of Government's policy on the sale of local authority high value vacant housing, following the manifesto commitment and inclusion of provisions in the Housing and Planning Bill.

We are asking all stock owning local authorities to provide the data specified in the attached spreadsheet. To help councils, we have prepared the enclosed instructions, and will we also be making available dedicated analytical support within DCLG to assist with any queries.

It is important that this data is provided quickly, accurately and completely, using a consistent format. We would therefore be grateful if the data was provided by **23rd of December 2015**.

We appreciate that there will be a cost to you in meeting this requirement. Therefore the Department will provide funding of £5,000 in 2015-16. Please find the final determination enclosed and we are aiming to make the payment around 31st January 2016.

If you have any queries about this request, please contact Julia Bowman at housingassetscollection@communities.gsi.gov.uk

We envisage that we may ask for information about your housing stock in subsequent financial years. Further information about this will be provided separately.

We have also written a similar letter to your council's Chief Finance Officer alerting them to this data request and associated planned payment.

Yours sincerely,

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