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Title Private Residential Empty Homes

Ref: FOI 13266

Information Request

Could you please provide the following information:

1. Does the council currently use the services of an external tracing agent, research firm or genealogists to assist with finding owners of empty or presumed empty, privately owned residential property?
 2. If so, which firm(s) has the council worked with?
 3. Please provide the name, email address and direct telephone number of the officer or team that manages or monitors private residential empty homes matters.
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Response by Lewes District Council

Lewes District Council does not have a designated Empty Property's Officer.

Our Housing and Planning departments do not use the services of an external tracing agent, research firm or genealogists to assist with finding owners of empty or presumed empty, privately owned residential property.

Our Council Tax department monitor empty properties as part of their duties – there is no specific individual and use a company called Allied to do traces. This team can be contacted via 01323 410000.