

From: Freedom of Information Requests

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To:

Subject: FOI Response -

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 2 April 2025 for information about second homes. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Second Home Premium

- Does the council currently charge a premium on second homes? Yes, from 1 April 2025
- If so, what is the rate of the premium (expressed as a percentage or multiplier of the standard council tax rate)? 100%

Impact Assessment

- Has the council undertaken any impact assessment(s) on the effect of the second home premium on the local economy? No
- If so, please provide a copy of the assessment(s). N/a

Definition of a Second Home

- How does the council define a second home for council tax purposes?

The Council uses the definition as set out in Section 11c (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as inserted by Section 80 of The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023), as follows:

11C (2) LGFA 1992

The conditions are—

- (a) there is no resident of the dwelling, and
- (b) the dwelling is substantially furnished.

The definition of a 'resident' in relation to any dwelling is set out in Section 6 (5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as 'an individual who has attained the age of 18 years and has his sole or main residence in the dwelling.'

In Doncaster, a premium is only applicable once a dwelling has met the above criteria for at least 12 months.

Disputes

- Have any households challenged the classification of their property as a second home? Information not recorded
- If yes, how many such disputes have there been, and how many resulted in a change of status? Information not recorded

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

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Yours faithfully,

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