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Dear Sir/ Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ07523

Thank you for your request for information relating to Council Tax on second homes.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

1. Does your Council vary the rate of Council Tax levied on Second Homes?

We do not provide any discount for second homes so the full council tax is payable.

- 2.If the answer to Q1 is "yes"
- a. What is the new rate of council tax charged on second homes?

To confirm, it is not a new rate – it is just the council tax charge for the associated band.

b. When was the rate last reviewed?

Council tax charges are agreed annually.

- c. How many homes are you rating as "Second Homes" and therefore expect to pay the varied rate of council tax?
- 2,140 homes are classed as second homes
- 3. What is the Political Party leading your Council?

Labour

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Yours faithfully

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