

FOI 530/2015

REQUEST

Please will you kindly tell me (A) how many empty public buildings are under your control & (B) how many of them will you open them up for the homeless to use this winter?

http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/revealed-first-empty-council-buildings-10444269#ICID=sharebar_twitter

Revealed: First empty council buildings to become winter homeless shelters

RESPONSE

Further to your FOI request submitted on 16 November, I can confirm that the Council owns six vacant commercial properties. None of them would be suitable for residential use, mainly because of structural problems and lack of services, and there are no plans to open them to homeless people. In addition we have an ongoing number of short term empty residential properties, in the region of 15 a month but these are turned around and re-let within 12-14 working days.