

# East Lothian Council

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- ***The number of properties within your area (both council and non-council owned)***

48,168, of which 8,695 properties are on the Council's Housing Revenue Account.

- ***The number of empty properties within your area.***

628, of which 108 properties are on the Council's Housing Revenue Account.

- ***The date the oldest empty property within your area became empty.***

23/03/2001

Of those properties on the Council's Housing Revenue Account, the property with the longest void period has been void since 21/08/2013. This property is categorised as unlettable. In context there are 12 voids\* which have been empty for more than one year, and 45 have been void less than one month.

## **\*Void Properties**

A council property becomes void for two reasons:

- A tenancy has been terminated and the property is empty
- The Council has either purchased or built a new property

When a property becomes void the Council follows its Voids Policy to ensure that the property becomes available for let. During the void period standard health and safety issues are addressed, including electrical and gas checks, and repairs are identified to bring the property to a lettable standard.