



Request

My request relates to the use of the lease model known as rent-to-rent.

I would like to request the following information:

Please tell me how much your council has spent on housing residents in rent-to-rent properties within and outside your borough in the last five financial years.

To be clear, this relates to the following periods:

- April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025
- April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024
- April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023
- April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022
- April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

Response

The Council has been operating a lease management service through its Ethical Lettings Agency since 2020, whereby properties are leased from private landlords and subsequently let to Wigan households who are in urgent housing need.

Property numbers have fluctuated since 2020; there are currently 87 leased properties, and all are within our borough.

In terms of what the Council has spent on housing residents within leased properties, we are able to confirm what has been paid to landlords in lease rental payments, in total, for each financial year:

- 2024/25 – £465,796.40
- 2023/24 – £340,349.51
- 2022/23 – £204,712.95
- 2021/22 – £158,601.77
- 2020/21 - £86,158.09