

Application for Council Tax discretionary discount

1. XX, Lennox Street, Weymouth

An application for Council Tax discretionary discount has been received from the owner of Flats 1 and 2 at XX Lennox Street, Weymouth.

The Flats were let by the owner as rented accommodation. However, the tenant of Flat 2 deliberately set fire to the property on 4 May 2017 and, as a result of fire damage, the Flats have been unusable since then.

The owner's insurers have confirmed that they will meet the costs of repairing the properties. However, due to the significant damage caused (and also the discovery of asbestos), it is taking some time for agree final costs and the work to be completed.

The owner estimates that the cost of repairs will be at least £80,000. Whilst the insurers will cover the cost of repairs, etc they will not meet the cost of any Council Tax liability being incurred.

Council Tax discounts were awarded (for the maximum period) due to the property being empty and requiring works to be completed. However, the Flats are now subject to full Council Tax charge and the owner has applied for 100% Council Tax discount to be awarded until the works are completed.

If a 100% Council Tax discount was awarded, the cost to the Council would be as follows:

From 04/08/17 to 31/03/18	£1,392.54
From 01/04/18 onwards (per day)	£ 7.07