



**REGENERATION AND HOUSING SCRUTINY
REVIEW BOARD
18 October 2022**

ITEM 06

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Communities and Place
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Housing

Empty Homes Update

Purpose

- 1.1 To receive an update presentation on Empty Homes

Recommendations

- 2.1 To consider the presentation.
- 2.2 To make any comments or recommendations following discussions on the presentation received (Appendix 1).

Reasons

- 3.1 To inform the Board of work undertaken in relation to Empty Homes.
- 3.2 To allow the Board an opportunity to make any comments on the presentation.

Supporting information

- 4.1 The presentation will inform the Board of the work undertaken in relation to Empty Homes

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 None directly arising from this report.

Other options

- 6.1 None.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 None directly arising from this report.

Legal implications

8.1 None directly arising from this report.

Climate Implications

9.1 None directly arising from this report. However, where the Council retains a property that has been acquired through Compulsory Purchase, energy efficiency measures will be installed to address climate change and reduce fuel bills for tenants. The exact measures will be determined on a bespoke basis, but each property will be improved to achieve an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of at least 'C' and higher if reasonably achievable. In most cases this will represent a significant improvement in the energy efficiency of the property.

9.2 The re-use of an empty home will, in most cases, require less resources than the construction of a new home and reduce pressure, albeit slightly, for development on greenfield sites.

Other significant implications

10.1 None directly arising from this report.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal	Olu Idowu, Head of Legal	05/10/2022
Finance	Amanda Fletcher, Head of Finance	05/10/2022
Service Director(s)	David Fletcher, Director of City Development and Growth	06/10/2022
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Other(s)		

Background papers: List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Update on Empty Homes
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