

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

03 February 2015

Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Executive Non Key Decisions

1 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – REVIEW OF THE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN TO RETURN EMPTY HOMES TO ACTIVE USE

To endorse the recommendations arising from this review.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has undertaken a review of the actions undertaken to return empty homes to active use. The recommendations of the review group are set out below. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is due to meet on 27 January 2015 to formally consider and agree these recommendations. If there are any amendments made to these recommendations, a supplementary report will be tabled at the Cabinet meeting.

1.2 Review Recommendations

1.2.1 The review group has recommended the following:

- (a) That the Housing Service takes the corporate lead for Empty Homes
- (b) A corporate working group be established to tackle the issue of Empty Homes
- (c) Raising public awareness of Empty Homes through a variety of communication medium and simplifying the process of reporting Empty Homes.

1.3 Legal Implications

1.3.1 As dealt with by the review.

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.4.1 As dealt with by the review.

1.5 Risk Assessment

1.5.1 n/a

1.6 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.6.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

1.7 Recommendations

- 1.7.1 That the recommendations of Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the Review of Actions Undertaken to Return Empty Homes to Active Use **BE ENDORSED.**

Background papers:

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Nil

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