

Report of the Chief Executive

EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY 2020-241. Purpose of report

To request the approval of a revised Empty Homes Strategy.

2. Detail

Dwellings can be left empty for a number of reasons. These include sale of the property, the occupant being in hospital or other care facility, second homes, holiday homes, etc. However, if dwellings are left empty for a considerable length of time, they can be a source of many problems. They can lead to increased fly-tipping, vandalism and other anti-social behaviour, potential squatting, as well as having a negative impact on property values and amenity in the immediate neighbourhood. They are also a wasted resource, not only in terms of the living accommodation which is lost but in terms of the financial loss to the owner.

Broxtowe Borough Council recognises the importance of bringing empty homes back into use and the attached document sets out the practical way the Authority intends to do this, set in the strategic context. The Strategy aims to build on the work done and progress made as a result of the implementation of the Empty Homes Strategy 2010-2013.

The Empty Homes Strategy is attached as appendix 1. An Equality Impact Assessment is attached as appendix 2.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the Empty Homes Strategy 2020/24 be approved.

Background papers

Nil