

EMPTY PROPERTIES UPDATE

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on long term empty properties across the city and the measures being taken to support and enable the reduction in the number of empty properties in the city, together with plans for the future.

2. Background

- 2.1 In setting its work programme for the year, the Committee agreed to receive update reports on a range of housing issues affecting the city.
- 2.2 This report will provide a focus and review on long term empty properties across the city.

3 Current Position

- 3.1 Graham Scanlon (Assistant Director of Housing and Communities) will provide a presentation and update members on the current position regarding empty properties in the city.
- 3.2 The presentation will cover:
- the current position with long term empty properties across the city
 - the approaches being employed to tackle long term empty properties
 - an outline of the challenges faced with tackling long term empty properties
 - future plans in tackling long term empty properties

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the report.