

# COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

### Community Scrutiny Committee Task & Finish Review 2014/15 - Update *Empty Properties in Carmarthenshire*

#### To consider and comment on the following issues:

To provide an update to Community Scrutiny, following a Task & Finish Review of Empty Properties in 2014/15.

#### Reasons:

- The Community Scrutiny Committee established a Task & Finish Group to review empty properties in the private sector in 2014/15, and have now requested an update to all recommendations made within the report.

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: **NO**

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

Cllr. Linda Evans (Housing Portfolio Holder)

#### Directorate:

Communities

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#### *Empty Properties in Carmarthenshire*

On the 1st August 2014, the Committee established a Task & Finish Group to review empty properties in the private sector.

A total of 7 meetings were held between November 2014 and June 2015, which were used to consider evidence and information from a wide variety of sources. The Group also undertook a series of site visits to view a selection of empty properties within the county. The main aims of the review were to:

- To identify and evaluate the current activities undertaken by the Housing & Public Protection Division.
- To identify potential improvements and alternative delivery models.
- To identify cost effective best practice by other authorities, agencies and providers.
- To formulate recommendations for consideration by the Executive Board.

The purpose of the presentation attached to this report is to provide an update on the recommendations that were identified in the initial report, and how these have progressed and implemented

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?**

**YES [Power Point Presentation]**

## IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Jonathan Morgan Acting Head of Homes & Safer Communities

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jonathan Morgan Acting Head of Homes & Safer Communities

1. Local Member(s) - N/A
2. Community / Town Council - N/A
3. Relevant Partners - N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N/A

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
<b>Task &amp; Finish Review 2014/2015</b>		<b>Cymraeg:</b> <a href="http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/COMM20150622/REP04_01.pdf">http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/COMM20150622/REP04_01.pdf</a>  <b>English:</b> <a href="http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/COMM20150622/REP04_01.pdf">http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/COMM20150622/REP04_01.pdf</a>
<b>WG Houses into Homes</b>		<b>Cymraeg:</b> <a href="http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/housing-supply/empty-homes/houses-into-homes/?skip=1&amp;lang=cy">http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/housing-supply/empty-homes/houses-into-homes/?skip=1&amp;lang=cy</a>  <b>English:</b> <a href="http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/housing-supply/empty-homes/houses-into-homes/?lang=en">http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/housing-supply/empty-homes/houses-into-homes/?lang=en</a>