

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND

Date: Monday, 1 December
2014
My Ref:
Your Ref:

Committee:
Enterprise and Growth Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 9 December 2014
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury,
Shropshire, SY2 6ND

You are requested to attend the above meeting.
The Agenda is attached

Claire Porter
Corporate Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

Members of Enterprise and Growth Scrutiny Committee

Andrew Bannerman	Charlotte Barnes
Martin Bennett	Dean Carroll
Nicholas Bardsley	John Hurst-Knight
Steve Davenport (Chairman)	Jean Jones
Pauline Dee (Vice Chairman)	William Parr

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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

3 Public Question Time

To receive any questions, statements or petitions of which Members of the public have given notice. Deadline for notification is 5.00pm on Thursday 4th December 2014.

4 Member Question Time

To receive any questions, statements or petitions of which Members of the Council have given notice. Deadline for notification is 5.00pm on Thursday 4th December 2014.

5 Call-in Empty Homes Strategy 2014/2017 (Pages 1 - 96)

A copy of the Call-In Notice received from the Leader of the Council's Liberal Democrat Group together with relevant appendices, marked as **5a**.

Links to additional background information:

- **LGA Empty Homes – Council action to tackle empty homes:**
http://www.local.gov.uk/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=5416e10f-218a-4994-811f-0e96ce93227c&groupId=10180
- **House of Commons Library, Council tax: discount on second homes and long-term empty properties:**
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/research/briefing-papers/SN02857/council-tax-discount-on-second-homes-and-longterm-empty-properties>
- **House of Commons Library, Empty Housing:**
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/research/briefing-papers/SN03012/empty-housing>

The decision has been called in by the Liberal Democrat Group as detailed in the Call-In Notice. The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider decision taken

by the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning, Planning, Housing and Commissioning (Central).

Presentation by Jessica Moores and Julia Preston, Empty Homes Officers, on the Empty Homes Strategy. Portfolio Holder Decision report and appendices attached, marked as **5b**. Also, Empty Homes Network Policy Statement, Discussion Draft, marked as **5c**.

If having considered the decision, the Scrutiny Committee is still concerned about it, then it may refer it back to the Portfolio Holder for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns or refer the matter to Council. If the Scrutiny Committee does not refer the matter back to the Portfolio Holder or Council, the decision shall take effect on the date of the Scrutiny meeting.

6 Dates for Future Meetings

Thursday 29th January 2015 at 10am

Thursday 2nd April 2015 at 10am