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Shropshire Council's cabinet approved the Empty Homes Strategy yesterday following a public consultation last year.

A report to members said "significant interest" was shown during the consultation period and a number of callers to the council were "extremely supportive" of the proposals.

They felt the authority should tackle the "unacceptably high" number of empty homes which stands at 4,362, of which 1,933 have been vacant for more than six months.

There are nearly 9,000 households in the council area on waiting lists for a home..