

**Havant Borough Council
Record of Decision**

Non Key Decision

1. **TITLE:** Empty Properties Strategy

2. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

Empty homes are a wasted resource and can have a detrimental impact on neighbourhoods and the environment, as they can become an eyesore that may also cause problems for neighbours. Empty homes can quickly fall into disrepair and become magnets for antisocial behaviour and vandalism.

With affordable housing and land in short supply in Havant it is necessary to ensure that empty homes do not remain empty unnecessarily and fall into misuse and dereliction.

The intention of this Strategy is to outline the council's approach to the issue of empty homes, and provide focus as to how we will dedicate our resource.

The council is keen to avoid enforcement action and prefers to work with responsible property owners to rectify issues relating to their properties without the need for formal action, however enforcement action will be used where necessary.

This Strategy is designed to link in with and compliment the Council Tax Empty Homes Premium, and the council's Homelessness Strategy.

3. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet Lead for Neighbourhoods, Safety and Enforcement

4. **DECISION:**

To approve the Empty Homes Strategy

5. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report
Empty Homes Strategy.HBC.Mar 2020
Empty Homes Action Plan

Decision Status	Date of Decision Made	Call In Expiry Date
For Determination	17 July 2020	24 July 2020