

## **Record of Decisions**

### **Empty Homes Policy**

#### **Decision Taker**

Cabinet on 22 March 2022.

#### **Decision**

That the Empty Homes Policy, as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved.

#### **Reason for the Decision**

To reduce the number of empty homes in Torbay in order to maximise much needed housing stock.

#### **Implementation**

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 4 April 2022 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### **Information**

The purpose of the Empty Homes Policy was to reduce empty homes through a range of measures, including support and enforcement. It complements the Council's Housing Strategy 2020-2025 by supporting objectives, such as meeting housing need, improving housing conditions and preventing homelessness.

At the meeting Councillor Long proposed and Councillor Morey seconded a motion that was unanimously agreed by the Cabinet, as set out above.

#### **Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision**

None.

#### **Is this a Key Decision?**

No

#### **Does the call-in procedure apply?**

Yes

**Declarations of interest** (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

#### **Published**

25 March 2022

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet

Date: \_\_\_\_\_