

ITEM 14 - Council Tax Premiums & Discounts on Empty Homes

Amendment to paragraphs 8.9 and 8.10 of the report:

- 8.9 The Council surveyed 103 owners of properties empty more than two years and has received responses relating to 43 properties. The responses can be summarised as follows:

Table 2

Reason	Number
Undergoing Renovation	21
Difficulty selling	9
Difficulty letting	2
Not meeting medical needs	1
Waiting planning permission	1
Potential regeneration	1
Waiting demolition	1
Possible Exemption to be applied	2
Now occupied	5

- 8.10 Whilst the response is only just over 40%, it does indicate that in the main there are good reasons why the properties remain empty and there are genuine efforts being made to get them back in occupation.