

CABINET

17 JANUARY 2019

Record of decisions taken at the meeting held on Thursday 17 January 2019.

Present:

Chair: * Councillor Graham Henson

Councillors: † Sue Anderson * Varsha Parmar
* Simon Brown * Christine Robson
* Keith Ferry * Krishna Suresh
* Phillip O'Dell * Adam Swersky

**Non-Executive
Cabinet Member:** † Antonio Weiss

**Non-Executive
Voluntary Sector
Representative:** * John Higgins

In attendance: (Councillors)	Richard Almond	Minute 106
	Marilyn Ashton	Minute 106
	Paul Osborn	Minute 106

* Denotes Member present

† Denotes apologies received

RECOMMENDED ITEM

109. Changes to Council Tax Long Term Empty Property Premiums

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That the Authority exercises its discretion and changes the premium charged to long term empty property from 1.5 times the standard Council Tax for the

said band, to the new ratios as set out in the table below (expressed as additional percentages of annual Council Tax);

Long term empty property criteria giving rise to additional Council Tax premiums;	From 1/4/2019 Financial Year	From 1/4/2020 Financial Year	From 1/4/2021 Financial Year
For Properties which have remained empty for at least 2 Years	100%	100%	100%
For Properties which have remained empty for less than 5 Years	N/A	100%	100%
For Properties which have remained empty for at least 5 & but less than 10 Years	N/A	200%	200%
For Properties which have remained empty for at least 10 Years	N/A	N/A	300%

Reason for Recommendation: Agreeing the proposed changes to the Council Tax Premium would result in the Council generating an extra £60,000 in Council Tax revenue annually. More importantly it would discourage owners from keeping much needed residential property in the borough empty.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member/Dispensation Granted: None.

[Call-in does not apply as the substantive decision is for full Council.]