

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contracts Management, Councillor Christopher Marlow has made the following executive decision:

EMPTY HOMES PREMIUM

Reference Report:

Empty Homes Premium, 18/10/2022 Executive, Resources and Contracts Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

Decision:

That a public consultation exercise be undertaken recommending that the Empty Homes Premium be increased to the maximum amounts permitted.

Reasons:

The primary purpose of the Empty Homes Premium is to encourage owners to bring properties back into occupation. However, since the implementation of the Empty Homes Premium in April 2020 there has been a small increase in the total number of empty properties that have been empty between 2 to 5 years. There is no statutory duty to consult on any changes to the Empty Home Premium, however to do so represents best practice and reduces the likelihood of any successful judicial review. Having consulted, the Council must have regard to the consultation outcome, although it is not bound by it.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Executive, Resources and Contracts PDS Committee on 18 October 2022 and the Committee supported the proposal in principle.

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Date of Decision: 20 October 2022
Implementation Date (subject to call-in): 27 October 2022
Decision Reference: RCCM22009