

**NEW NOTICE OF MOTION – TACKLING HOMELESSNESS IN THE VALE USING EMPTY DWELLING MANAGEMENT ORDERS (EDMOs)**

**Councillor Mrs Macpherson**

**Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities**

**1 Purpose/For Decision**

1.1 To consider the Notice of Motion set out below.

**2 Supporting information**

2.1 The following Notice of Motion has been submitted by **Councillor Stuchbury** and seconded by **Councillor Bateman**:-

**“Empty houses cause significant problems to neighbouring residents. They attract anti-social behaviour, dumping, vermin and have a detrimental effect on house prices.**

- This Council undertakes to develop a robust policy for the use of Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOs). To assist with the growing pressures on younger people in our community and their ability to find affordable accommodation, by bringing empty properties back onto the housing market.
- To make use of the EDMO powers for properties that have been empty for a period of 6 months across the District. To end the scandal of empty homes during this period of house shortages.
- That a report is drafted to examine the extent of this problem in each ward within the District and to provide options, costs and benefits of the Local Authority adopting such a policy. This report is submitted to the Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee for consideration and make recommendations for policy implementation.”

2.2 The Chairman has consented to this Motion being dealt with at this meeting. and the procedure will be as follows:-

- Councillor Stuchbury will be invited to propose the Motion and explain the rationale. **(Maximum of 5 minutes)**.
- Councillor Bateman will then be invited to second the Motion. Councillor Bateman may speak at that point or reserve his speech until later during the debate. In either case, Councillor Bateman will have a **Maximum of 5 minutes**.
- The Motion will then be open for debate.
- The Chairman of the Council will ask Members who wishes to speak.
- Councillor Stuchbury will have a right of reply at the end of the debate.
- A vote will then be taken.

Contact Officer: Bill Ashton (01296) 585040 (Re. the process)

Background papers: The proposer of the motion has provided a link to one document which contains further information that Members may wish to read: <http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN04129/SN04129.pdf>