

Decisions taken by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community and Housing Decision Day on Monday, 5 September 2022

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Part A – Items considered in public

A4	Empty Homes Strategy 2022-2027(DD50)	1. That the draft Empty Homes Strategy 2022 – 27 which addressed empty homes in the Winchester district, be approved.	To seek approval of the draft Empty Homes Strategy 2022 – 2027 in order to bring back into occupation, in particular, problematic homes vacant for longer than 2 years which have been blighting and impacting on local communities by contributing to anti-social behaviour. The current proposed strategy is a refresh of the previous 2016 – 2021 Empty Property Strategy.	1. There is no legal requirement for a local authority to produce a dedicated empty homes strategy, but it is good practice to have one and supports the council to take enforcement action via in particular the interim and final EDMO route. It also helps to demonstrate that the council is not complacent in its attitude and takes the issue of empty homes seriously thus reducing the likelihood of adverse media attention. An effective empty homes strategy also demonstrates that the
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