



COUNCIL – 26TH JANUARY 2022

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – SECOND HOMES

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation. In accordance with Rule 11(3) of the Constitution, the Mayor has agreed to allow the motion to be dealt with at Council, without being first discussed at an overview and scrutiny committee in order to expedite business.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor John Roberts and is supported by Councillors A. Angel, C. Bishop, A. Farina-Childs, R.W. Gough, J. Taylor, C. Mann L. Whittle, P. Marsden, S. Cook, J. Pritchard and T. Parry.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and is in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure now referred to Scrutiny for consideration.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Council are asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 5.1 and make an appropriate recommendation.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 Notice of Motion

There is growing concern about the impact of second homes on communities across Wales and the effect on the ability of local residents to buy homes in communities in

which they have been brought up. In Caerffili County Borough there are more than 230 second homes already.

In total, there are more than 1,200 properties lying empty here in Caerffili, some for more than five years or even a decade. They are often left to rot, sometimes causing huge problems for neighbours and communities.

With nearly 5,000 people on the council housing waiting list, strong action is needed.

We call on the council to look at all available options, including financial penalties, to help tackle the growing issue of empty properties in Caerffili. We instruct officers to bring back a report detailing options as soon as possible.'

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter and must be dealt with in accordance with Council's Constitution, no assumptions have been made.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 This report does not require an Integrated Impact Assessment as it relates to a procedural matter under the Council's Constitution.
- 7.2 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within Council's Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council's Constitution sets out the framework for the decision-making roles and responsibilities.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 There has been no consultation undertaken.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Act 2000

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Appendices: Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion.

