

**NOTICE OF MOTION – SECOND HOMES**

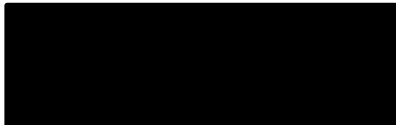
To consider the undersigned Notice of Motion standing in the name of County Borough Councillor J. Roberts and supported by the Members listed.

‘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.’



Signed: Councillor J. Roberts

Supported by: Councillors A. Angel, C. Bishop, A. Farina-Childs, R.W. Gough, C. Mann, J. Taylor, L. Whittle, P. Marsden, S. Cook and J. Pritchard and T. Parry