

**SCRUTINY REVIEW OF
EMPTY/BLIGHTED HOMES IN PENDLE**

REVIEW PLAN

Membership	Councillors M. Ammer, R. Anwar, C. Church, D. Cockburn-Price, D. Gallear, Y. Iqbal, S. Land, M. Stone and Y. Tennant					
Relevant Exec Member(s)	Councillor Z. Ali – Housing and Customer Services					
External/Public Participation						
Background	A review on empty homes in Pendle was carried forward from 2024/25 pending the appointment of a new Empty Homes Officer. The topic was chosen for review as a large number of derelict/neglected/uninhabited properties had been identified, which were a blight on the area. The original remit was to look at different options/mechanisms for bringing empty properties back into use. It has since been established that some of the properties identified are occupied, therefore the remit has been widened to include blighted houses. The Empty Homes Officer is now in post and will attend a meeting of the Committee.					
Issue	Empty/blighted properties have a damaging effect on neighbourhoods and attract anti-social behaviour, leading to the decline of an area.					
Terms of Reference	1. To understand the current process for dealing with empty/blighted homes in Pendle. 2. To consider whether any changes could better deliver on the Council's priorities and make appropriate recommendations.					
Officer Support	Lead Officers: Sarah Whitwell – Head of Housing and Environmental Health, Simon O'Hara - Technical Officer, Environmental Health Committee Administrator: Lynne Rowland					
Timetable	<u>ACTION/ MONTH</u>	NOV	JAN			
	Plan	X				
	Documents	X				
	Witnesses	X				
	Findings					
	Draft Report					
Report to	Council/Exec On:					