



WEST OXFORDSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name and Date of Committee	COUNCIL – 27 NOVEMBER 2024
Subject	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE TO COUNCIL
Wards Affected	All
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Purpose	To agree recommendations made to Council by the Executive, from its meetings since 27 November 2024.
Annexes	Annex A – Recommendations from Executive to Council.
Recommendation	<p>Subject to the resolutions of the Executive on 20 November 2024, the Executive recommends that Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">I. Agree from 01 April 2025 to levy the maximum level of premium for Empty Homes as set out in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i) Premium of 100% for dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Empty Homes Premium) after 1 year up to 5 years of becoming empty;ii) Premium of 200% for dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Empty Homes Premium) between 5 years and 10 years;iii) Premium of 300% for dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Empty Homes Premium) for 10 years or more;2. Agree from 1 April 2025 to the implementation of a premium (Second Homes Premium) of 100% for dwellings that are no one's

	<p>sole or main residence and which are substantially furnished;</p> <p>3. Note that where premiums are to be applied, the Council is mindful of the outcome of the government consultation which recommends exceptions in certain circumstances outlined within the report may be amended, and as such guidance may change</p> <p>4. Agree that any amendments to the guidance which may change the criteria for Premiums be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance.</p>
Corporate Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Together for West Oxfordshire
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	N/A

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Council is required to consider recommendations made to it by the Executive, from its meetings since 25 September 2024.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1 The decisions recommended by the Executive, to be agreed to by Council, are detailed within Annex A with hyperlinks added to signpost Members and the public to the original decisions taken by the Executive, along with other related documentation.
- 2.2 All other decisions of the Executive were in the Executive's gift to make, and no other recommendations have been made to Council at this time.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Any financial implications of the proposed decisions are as set out in the associated reports to the Executive.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Any legal implications of the proposed decisions are as set out in the associated reports to the Executive.

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 Any risks associated with the proposed decisions are as set out in the associated reports to the Executive.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 6.1 Any equality implications associated with the proposed decisions are as set out in the associated reports to the Executive.

7. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Any climate and ecological emergency implications associated with the proposed decisions are as set out in the associated reports to the Executive.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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