

Council Tax Premium on Long-term Empty Properties

Overview

Regulations allow for a 100% Council Tax premium to be charged on long-term empty properties resulting in a total charge of 200%. (A long-term empty property is one that is unfurnished and unoccupied for a period exceeding one year.)

On 9th March 2016, Members resolved to introduce a Council Tax premium of 50%, effective from 1st April 2017, on long-term empty properties, resulting in a total Council Tax charge of 150%.

Why we are consulting

Powys County Council is keen to understand:

- why properties are left empty for long periods of time
- the benefits of fewer empty properties within local communities
- what impact increasing the premium may have on numbers of long-term empty properties.

The survey should take no more than **15 minutes** to complete.

The results will help the Council determine the appropriate premium charge on long-term empty properties.

Please Note: Powys County Council is responsible for ensuring and protecting your privacy when you respond to a survey using this portal. If you were to give us any personal data (your full name, address or phone number), we would like you to know that it will be stored securely for a limited period only, used only for the purposes described in the survey and in compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Click on the Privacy tab at the bottom of the page to find out more.

Your Council Tax Responsibilities

Are you responsible for paying Council Tax on a long-term empty property?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes No

Your relationship to Powys

Are you responding to this survey as....?

Please select only one item

- A Powys resident An individual living outside of Powys An organisation

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I confirm that the property has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for a continuous period of at least one year.

Please select only one item

- Correct Incorrect

If you answered 'incorrect' to the above question, please confirm the current status of the property, including the property address and the date the change took place:

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Please tell us what your CURRENT intentions for the property are (please select one option):

Please select only one item

- Continue to leave it empty
- I intend to move into property myself as my main residence
- I intend to use property as a second/holiday home
- I intend to put the property up for sale
- I intend to let out the property on a long-term tenancy
- I intend to run a holiday let business I intend to undertake repairs or renovations
- Other, please tell us more:

If we were to increase the Council Tax premium currently charged on your long-term empty property, which of the following would apply (please select one option):

Please select only one item

- I would continue to leave it empty
- I would move into the property myself as my main residence
- I would use property as a second/holiday home I would put the property up for sale
- I would let out the property on a long-term tenancy
- I would run a holiday let business I would undertake repairs or renovations
- Other, please tell us more:

Council Tax Premium - Long-term Empty Properties

We are considering increasing the Council Tax premium charge on long-term empty properties (currently 50%), based on the length of time a property has been empty. Please indicate what you think would be the most appropriate option:

Please select only one item

- Leave it at 50% Once empty for 2-3 years increase the premium to 100%
- Once empty for 3-5 years increase the premium to 100%
- Once empty for 5-10 years increase the premium to 100%
- Once empty for 10 years or more increase the premium to 100%

Please use this space to suggest how you think we could manage Council Tax arrangements for long-term empty properties:

What impact, if any, do you think increasing the Council Tax premium would have in bringing long-term empty properties back into use?

Please select only one item

Positive Neutral Negative

If you have answered 'negative', please tell us how this could be minimised:

What impact, if any, do you think increasing the Council Tax premium would have on supporting an increase in affordable housing?

Please select only one item

Positive Neutral Negative

If you have answered 'negative', please tell us how this could be minimised:

What impact, if any, do you think increasing the Council Tax premium would have on the local community generally?

Please select only one item

Positive Neutral Negative

If you have answered 'negative', please tell us how this could be minimised:

Please use this space to make any other comments or raise any concerns you have:

About You

Are you?

Please select only one item

Male Female Gender fluid/Non-binary/Gender neutral Prefer not to say

How old are you?

Please select only one item

Under 16 16-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74
 75-84 85 + Prefer not to say

What is your preferred language?

Please select only one item

- Welsh English BSL - British Sign Language Other
 Prefer not to say

If you chose Other please state (if you wish to)

Do you have any concerns or evidence to suggest that the Council is treating/using the Welsh language less favourably than English in relation to the equality objectives listed in this survey?

Please select only one item

- Yes No I don't know

If yes, please give details and state how the proposal / changes suggested in this survey will affect opportunities to use the Welsh language in your view?

Please give your views here

What changes could be made in order to have a more positive effect on the Welsh language?

Please give your views here