

## 1. Empty Buildings ward review

What will the scrutiny review be about?
The scouting will target 2 empty buildings in each ward across Burnley to encourage more regeneration and maximise each building.

Proposed by Councillor(s) ...Launer.....

## 2. Objectives of the Review

What is the review aiming to do?
The review is aiming to respond to residents wishes and to encourage legislations so that private landlords have a window of opportunity to make the necessary improvements. Failure to do so should now have stiffer consequences.
The review will highlight the problems areas as identified by residents and act upon each ward. It will be done fairly and spread across every community.
The review may stop the need for building on green spaces.
It could offer regenerations and new vital services for burnley council- including homelessness help, student accommodation and workspace- and potentially in some cases family homes.

## 3. Anticipated Outcomes of the Review



use. These properties are then renovated and either re-sold or some are leased to the Homeless Team for temporary accommodation.

The properties chosen for CPO are those that have been vacant the longest in a poor condition and/or affecting neighbouring homes. Properties are not always suitable for CPO, if this is the case Officers will look at alternative approaches.

Not all the properties are owned by landlords, there are many reasons why a house is left empty. A person may have inherited the house after a bereavement but not have the financial means or ability to bring it back into use.

Any empty property can be reported to the empty homes team at the Council, this will be looked at and in the first instance contact made with the owner. If suitable it may then go forward for CPO but after all informal avenues have been exhausted. If the Council can not demonstrate to the Secretary of State that all informal steps have been taken and exhausted they will not approve the CPO.

A public report to seek approval to make several Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) for long term vacant properties in the private sector, and for a programme of external property Facelifting works, will be considered by the 13 July 2022 Executive, with the agenda to be published on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.