



BRECKLAND COUNCIL

DELEGATED DECISION RECORD

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Unless the Leader and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission certify that the matter is so urgent that the normal five-day scrutiny delay on action should not apply, then this decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of five working days after the publication of the decision, unless called in under the call-in procedures as set out in Section D of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

Portfolio/Cabinet	Cabinet
Report Title (& Reference No.)	Council Tax – Long Term Empty Property Premiums
Summary Background	To agree the Council Tax Long Term Empty Property Premiums with effect from 1 April 2019
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Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Urgent?	No
Key Decision?	Yes It is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards
In Key Decision Plan?	Yes
Date Decision Taken	Tuesday, 16 October 2018
Date Published	Thursday, 18 October 2018
Call-In Expiry	Thursday, 25 October 2018
Exempt Information?	No
Decision (Action Agreed)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That, subject to the relevant legislation coming into force and subject to following any guidelines issued, Cabinet approves an additional 50% Council Tax premium on Long Term Empty properties longer than 2 years, raising the Council Tax to 200%, from 1 April 2019. 2) That, subject to the relevant legislation coming into

	<p>force and subject to following any guidelines issued, Cabinet approves an additional 100% Council Tax premium on Long Term Empty properties longer than 5 years, raising the Council Tax to 300%, from 1 April 2020.</p> <p>3) That, subject to the relevant legislation coming into force and subject to following any guidelines issued, Cabinet approves an additional 100% Council Tax premium on Long Term Empty properties longer than 10 years, raising the Council Tax to 400%, from 1 April 2021.</p> <p>4) That, subject to recommendations 1-3 being agreed, the Long Term Empty Premium will not apply where a property already subject to a Long Term Empty Premium changes ownership until a further 2 years has passed. At which time the 100% Long Term Empty Premium will apply and this will increase in line with normal progression of the Premium.</p>
<p>Reasons(s)</p>	<p>To bring long term empty properties back into use as soon as possible and to incentivise this by adding penalties through the additional Council tax premium charged.</p>
<p>Options</p>	<p><u>Option 1</u> That subject to the relevant legislation coming into force and subject to following any guidelines issued, Cabinet approves an additional 50% Council Tax premium on Long Term Empty properties longer than 2 years, raising the Council Tax to 200%, from 1 April 2019; and</p> <p>That subject to the relevant legislation coming into force and subject to following any guidelines issued, Cabinet approves an additional 100% Council Tax premium on Long Term Empty properties longer than 5 years, raising the Council Tax to 300%, from 1 April 2020; and</p> <p>That subject to the relevant legislation coming into force and subject to following any guidelines issued, Cabinet approves an additional 100% Council Tax premium on Long Term Empty properties longer than 10 years, raising the Council Tax to 400%, from 1 April 2021; and</p> <p>That subject to recommendations 1-3 being agreed, the Long Term Empty Premium will not apply where a property already subject to a Long Term Empty Premium changes ownership until a further 2 years has passed. At which time the 100% Long Term Empty Premium will apply and this will increase in line with normal progression of the Premium.</p> <p><u>Option 2</u> That subject to the relevant legislation coming into force some but not all of the options are approved by Cabinet.</p>

	<u>Option 3</u> Do nothing.
Further Information	Council Tax – Long Term Empty Property Premiums