



BRECKLAND COUNCIL

DELEGATED DECISION RECORD

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Portfolio/Cabinet	Cabinet
Report Title (& Reference No.)	Empty Homes Policy
Summary Background	To bring forward a replacement for the existing Empty Dwellings Policy reflecting changes in legislation.
Author/Contact Officer	Gordon Partridge (Principal Environmental Health Officer)
Ward(s) Affected	
Urgent?	No
Key Decision?	No
In Forward Plan?	Yes
Date Decision Taken	Tuesday, 9 September 2008
Date Published	Thursday, 11 September 2008
Call-In Expiry	Thursday, 18 September 2008
Exempt Information?	No
Decision (Action Agreed)	<p>That the replacement Private Empty Dwellings Policy be adopted subject to the following amendments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) to require that the Ward Member be informed of any instances where an Empty Dwellings Management Order was to be pursued in their Ward; and 2) to require that in extreme cases where the owner cannot be traced, and it was proposed that a property was required to be demolished and/or redeveloped,

	such action to be subject to the approval of full Council.
Reasons(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To enable the Council to exercise the powers already adopted by Cabinet. 2) To be able to justify the Council's actions to a Residential Property Tribunal.
Options	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To adopt the new policy that reflected current legislative provision and the powers already adopted by Cabinet. 2) Not to adopt the new policy and to continue with the old policy that did not reflect the new powers already adopted by Cabinet. Such a conflict could result in the Council being unable to justify its actions to a Residential Property tribunal.
Further Information	<p>Cabinet_Report Template_EDP</p> <p>Empty Dwellings Policy</p>