



<b>Service Area:</b> Community Housing and Community Development	<b>Section:</b> Empty Property	<b>Key person responsible for the assessment:</b> Melanie Mutch	<b>Date of Assessment:</b> 24.11.08	
<b>Is this assessment in the Corporate Equality Impact assessment Timetable for 2008-11?</b>			Yes	
<b>Name of the Policy to be assessed:</b> Empty Property Strategy		<b>Is this a new or existing policy</b>	New	
<b>1. Briefly describe the aims, objectives and purpose of the policy</b>	Prevent empty properties from becoming long term empty and to bring empty properties back into use.			
<b>2. Are there any associated objectives of the policy, please explain</b>	The Strategy's aims and objectives link into the Council's Corporate plan and strategic aims, and are an essential element of the Housing Strategy and the Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy. Consequently, the Strategy is one of a suite of strategies that are being developed to cover a range of housing priorities within the City.			

<b>3. Who is intended to benefit from the policy and in what way</b>	Those in housing need and the community within Oxford City by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• providing additional housing for those in housing need</li> <li>• encouraging economic vitality</li> <li>• discouraging crime and vandalism</li> <li>• protecting our green belts by redeveloping Brownfield sites, and making the most of the existing urban fabric.</li> </ul>		
<b>4. What outcomes are wanted from this policy?</b>  To reduce the number of empty properties within the City			
<b>5. What factors/forces could contribute/detract from the outcomes?</b>	Reluctance of owners of empty properties to bring them back into use and financial constraints.		
<b>6. Who are the key people in relation to the policy?</b>	Empty property officer and owners of empty properties.	<b>7. Who implements the policy and who is responsible for the policy?</b>	Head of service Community Housing and Development
<b>8 Could the policy have a differential impact on racial groups?</b>	N		
<b>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</b>			
<b>9. Could the policy have a differential impact due to gender?</b>	N		

<b>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</b>		
<b>10. Could the policy have a differential impact due disability</b>	Y	It appears that in some instances there may be mental health issues which lead to a property being empty.
<b>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</b>	I am aware of this issue anecdotaly through casework..	
<b>11. Could the policy have a differential impact on people due to sexual orientation?</b>	N	
<b>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</b>		
<b>12. Could the policy have a differential impact on people due to their age</b>	Y	Yes due to going in to care or living with a relative their dwelling may become empty. In some instances to stay in control the property may remain empty.
<b>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</b>	Trhough casework	
<b>13. Could the policy have a differential impact on people due to their religious belief?</b>	N	

<b>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</b>					
<b>14. Could the negative impact identified in 8-13 create the potential for the policy to discriminate against certain groups?</b>	Y	<b>Please explain</b> There is a risk due to age or mental health issues. The empty property officer is not responsible or trained to deal with age or mental health needs.			
<b>15. Can this negative impact be justified on the grounds of promoting equality of opportunity for one group? Or any other reason</b>	Y	<b>Please explain for each equality heading (question 8-13) on a separate piece of paper</b> Can not address age or health needs but can sign post them to available assistance where possible			
<b>16. Should the policy proceed to a partial impact assessment</b>	N	<b>If Yes, is there enough evidence to proceed to a full EIA</b>		Y	N
		<b>Date on which Partial or Full impact assessment to be completed by</b>			
<b>17. Are there implications for the Service Plans?</b>	NO	<b>18. Date the Service Plan will be updated</b>	2011	<b>19. Date copy sent to Equalities Officer in Policy, Performance and Communication</b>	
<b>20. Date reported to Equalities Board:</b>		<b>21. Date to Scrutiny and EB</b>		<b>22. Date published</b>	

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