

Empty Dwellings

Telford & Wrekin Council is seeking support from its private landlords and letting agents in a concerted effort to reduce the number of empty dwellings in the borough. A strategic approach to tackling empty dwellings and making best use of available stock across all tenures will be launched, including engagement with developers, RSLs, private landlords, lettings agents, homeowners, and commercial / retail property owners.

In return, landlords and agents can expect the Council to:

- take account of private landlord responses to this call for support when considering how we allocate grant funding for conversions and improvements;
- work cooperatively with all key partners including private landlords and lettings agents to achieve solutions that help share risk and alleviate financial burden;

Any ideas or suggestions to help increase the availability of good quality, affordable housing in the borough are welcomed, especially in relation to areas that private landlords and lettings agents see as helpful, and those things viewed as discouraging. The Council is also reviewing the full range of powers available to a local housing authority with a view to making earlier interventions both to offer incentives to landlords and, if necessary, to take action where we are not assured that everything possible is being done to bring empty dwellings back into use.

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