

## Template for Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

<b>Subject of assessment:</b>	Empty Property Strategy - Domestic			
<b>Coverage:</b>	All Wards - Regeneration			
<b>This is a decision relating to:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Strategy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Policy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Service</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Function</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Process/procedure</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Programme</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Project</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Review</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Organisational change</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other (please state)</b>		
<b>It is a:</b>	<b>New approach:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Revision of an existing approach:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>It is driven by:</b>	<b>Legislation:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Local or corporate requirements:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Description:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key aims, objectives and activities - To implement a corporate strategy to develop a new approach to dealing with empty and problem domestic properties.</li> <li>• Statutory drivers – none, the strategy is a local approach to dealing with empty and problem properties, supported by a variety of powers contained in housing, environmental, local government, and planning laws.</li> <li>• Differences from any previous approach - creation of a new strategic approach.</li> <li>• Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate) - Residents, landlords and neighbourhoods, affected by the impact of empty and problem properties. Lost revenue (Council tax), costs incurred by the Council dealing with empty, insecure, dangerous properties.</li> <li>• Intended outcomes - Implementation of a new strategy and approach to reducing empty properties, reducing crime and antisocial behaviour linked to empty properties, area regeneration, increase in council revenue.</li> </ul>			
<b>Live date:</b>	As soon as possible, post approval of strategy by Executive.			
<b>Lifespan:</b>	3 year review period			
<b>Date of next review:</b>	2027/2028			

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
<p><b>Human Rights</b>            Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?*</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Empty Property Strategy for Domestic / Residential Properties aims to identify, monitor, address and highlight the extent of the problem in Middlesbrough and proactively tackle it through collective identification, monitoring, addressing and ultimately reducing the number of detrimental properties in Middlesbrough.</p> <p>Tackling empty properties in Middlesbrough and bringing them back into use will positively impact on our residents, including individuals and families in need of accommodation, and the wider community for whom empty properties often cause problems. The strategy aims to ultimately reduce the number of empty and problem homes and return these properties back into use.</p> <p>Therefore, there are no concerns that the proposals with the Empty Property Strategy – Domestic will impact adversely on human rights.</p>
<p><b>Equality</b>            Could the decision result in adverse differential impacts on groups or individuals with characteristics protected in UK equality law?            Could the decision impact differently on other commonly disadvantaged groups?*</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>No evidence to suggest that the policy will have an adverse impact on individuals in terms of equality due to the fact that the Empty Property Strategy for Domestic / Residential Properties aims to identify, monitor, address and highlight the extent of the problem in Middlesbrough and proactively tackle it through collective identification, monitoring, addressing and ultimately reducing the number of detrimental properties in Middlesbrough.</p> <p>Tackling empty properties in Middlesbrough and bringing them back into use will positively impact on our residents, including individuals and families in need of accommodation, and the wider community for whom empty properties often cause problems. The strategy aims to ultimately reduce the number of empty and problem homes and return these properties back into use.</p>
<p><b>Community cohesion</b>            Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town?*</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Empty Property Strategy for Domestic / Residential Properties aims to identify, monitor, address and highlight the extent of the problem in Middlesbrough and proactively tackle it through collective identification, monitoring, addressing and ultimately reducing the number of detrimental properties in Middlesbrough.</p> <p>Tackling empty properties in Middlesbrough and bringing them back into use will positively impact on our residents, including individuals and families in need of accommodation, and the wider community for whom empty properties often cause problems. The strategy aims to ultimately reduce the number of empty and problem homes and return these properties back into use.</p> <p>Therefore, there are no concerns that the strategy could have an impact on community cohesion. No evidence to suggest that the proposals will have an adverse impact on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town.</p>

\* Consult the Impact Assessment further guidance for details on the issues covered by each of these broad questions prior to completion.

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<p><b>Armed Forces</b>            Could the decision impact negatively on those who are currently members of the armed forces of former members in the areas of Council delivered healthcare, compulsory education and housing policies?*</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>No evidence to suggest that the strategy will have an adverse impact on individuals who are in the armed forces.</p> <p>The Empty Property Strategy for Domestic / Residential Properties aims to identify, monitor, address and highlight the extent of the problem in Middlesbrough and proactively tackle it through collective identification, monitoring, addressing and ultimately reducing the number of detrimental properties in Middlesbrough.</p> <p>Tackling empty properties in Middlesbrough and bringing them back into use will positively impact on our residents, including individuals and families in need of accommodation, and the wider community for whom empty properties often cause problems. The strategy aims to ultimately reduce the number of empty and problem homes and return these properties back into use.</p>
<p><b>Care leavers</b>            Could the decision impact negatively on those who are care experienced?*</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>No evidence to suggest that the strategy will have any negative impact on care leavers due to the fact that the Empty Property Strategy for Domestic / Residential Properties aims to identify, monitor, address and highlight the extent of the problem in Middlesbrough and proactively tackle it through collective identification, monitoring, addressing and ultimately reducing the number of detrimental properties in Middlesbrough.</p> <p>Tackling empty properties in Middlesbrough and bringing them back into use will positively impact on our residents, including individuals and families in need of accommodation, and the wider community for whom empty properties often cause problems. The strategy aims to ultimately reduce the number of empty and problem homes and return these properties back into use.</p>
<p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➡ If the answer to all of the above screening questions is No then the process is completed.</li> <li>➡ If the answer of any of the questions is Yes or Uncertain, then a Level 2 Full Impact Assessment must be completed.</li> </ul>				

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