

Bringing Empty Homes Back into Use

[110 Rochester Row, Victoria, London, SW1P 1JP](#) | Tuesday 24th July 2018

10.15	Registration & Morning Refreshments
11.00	Chair's Introduction ⇒ <i>Cllr Ric Pallister OBE, Leader, South Somerset District Council</i>
11.05	Empty Homes: Policy and Legal Developments <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rating (Property in Common Occupation) & Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Bill• Timescales for implementation and impacts of the Bill• Current powers and funding available to address empty properties• Using legal powers, such as Empty Dwelling Management Orders and Compulsory Purchase Orders, to bring empty homes back into use• Benefits of tackling empty homes• Trends in the number of empty homes ⇒ <i>John Hobson QC, Barrister, Landmark Chambers</i> ⇒ <i>David Smith, Policy Director, Residential Landlords Association</i> ⇒ <i>Cllr Carole Hegley, Executive Member for Social Care, Housing Operations & Customer Services, Central Bedfordshire Council</i>
13.00	Networking Lunch
13.45	Good Practice in Bringing Empty Homes Back into Use <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The main barriers in the current system and how to overcome them• Putting together an effective Empty Properties Strategy• Identifying empty homes• Liaising with individual owners to understand why their property is long-term empty and what has been holding them back from renting or selling it• Deciding when to use incentives or enforcement• Effective partnership working through local Empty Homes Forums and Housing Partnerships ⇒ <i>Martin Yardley, Deputy Chief Executive (Place), Coventry City Council</i> ⇒ <i>Cllr Mark Dance, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economic Development, Kent County Council</i> ⇒ <i>Anthony Mousdale, Housing Co-ordinator, Liverpool City Council</i>
15.30	Event Close

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