

# Bringing Empty Homes Back into Use

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

10.15	<b>Registration &amp; Morning Refreshments</b>
11.00	<b>Chair's Introduction</b> ⇒ <i>Cllr Ric Pallister OBE, Leader, South Somerset District Council</i>
11.05	<b>Empty Homes: Policy and Legal Developments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rating (Property in Common Occupation) &amp; Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Bill</li><li>• Timescales for implementation and impacts of the Bill</li><li>• Current powers and funding available to address empty properties</li><li>• Using legal powers, such as Empty Dwelling Management Orders and Compulsory Purchase Orders, to bring empty homes back into use</li><li>• Benefits of tackling empty homes</li><li>• Trends in the number of empty homes</li></ul> ⇒ <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 &amp; Customer Services, Central Bedfordshire Council</i> ⇒ <i>Fiona Anthony, Professional Support Lawyer, nplaw</i>
13.00	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
13.45	<b>Good Practice in Bringing Empty Homes Back into Use</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The main barriers in the current system and how to overcome them</li><li>• Putting together an effective Empty Properties Strategy</li><li>• Identifying empty homes</li><li>• 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</li><li>• Deciding when to use incentives or enforcement</li><li>• Effective partnership working through local Empty Homes Forums and Housing Partnerships</li></ul> ⇒ <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	<b>Event Close</b>

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