

	Needs	Evidence	Impact
Age			
Cross Cutting			
Disability			
Social & Economic Impact	The Council needs to take into account Fairer Scotland Duty in this circumstance	There is no change proposed to the current empty property relief scheme this status.	The policy will not have any different impact from that of previous arrangements.
Sex			
Gender Reassign			
Health			
Human Rights			
Marriage & Civil Partnership			
Pregnancy & Maternity			
Race			
Religion and Belief			
Sexual Orientation			
Actions			
Policy has a negative impact on an equality group, but is still to be implemented, please provide justification for this.			
N/A			
Will the impact of the policy be monitored and reported on an ongoing bases?			
Yes - the use of Empty Property Relief and the thresholds will be monitored and reviewed to be reported to Corporate Services Committee in consultation with Regeneration Services at the end of the first year with any changes being presented to Committee.			
Q7 What is your recommendation for this policy?			
Introduce			
Please provide a meaningful summary of how you have reached the recommendation			
EIA 706: The aim of the policy is to encourage empty commercial property back into economic use while allowing reasonable time for owners to achieve this. The return of empty property, including empty listed buildings, is a measure supporting the aims of protecting the built heritage, streetscape and encouraging economic activity. Whilst this policy is being mirrored with the existing EPR policy, council officers will aim to undertake a review by 31 March 2024 to assess if any material changes to the policy would make it more aligned with socio-economic needs of businesses operating in WDC. The Council had limited time to develop a policy however the analysis does not indicate a need for immediate changes, deviating from the statutory scheme.			