

Empty Properties

Derelict and long term empty properties such as empty homes, disused shops and offices, or dilapidated buildings can be detrimental to our neighbourhoods, may cause blight and portray a rundown, tired area which negates any confidence in regeneration activities or fostering community cohesion.

Chorley Council has a policy for dealing with empty residential properties and in particular those that give rise to complaint because of their condition.

The policy and associated Executive Cabinet report can be found at

Report

<https://democracy.chorley.gov.uk/documents/s58949/Update%20and%20Introduction%20of%20a%20new%20Policy%20to%20Deal%20with%20Long%20Term%20Empty%20Properties.pdf>

Policy

<https://democracy.chorley.gov.uk/documents/s58950/Empty%20Residential%20Properties%20Policy%20Appendix%201.pdf>

Empty houses that give rise to complaint are distributed across Chorley as follows:

Chorley – 36
Southeast Parishes – 6
Southern Parishes – 7
Eastern Parishes – 12
Euxton Astley Buckshaw – 3
Western Parishes – 2
Clayton/Whittle – 8

Chorley Council is investing £98K over three years to deal with empty homes and use the enforcement powers available when appropriate to bring properties back into use.