

## Appendix B

### Feedback from the Joint Scrutiny and Oversight Committee of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

- Concern about the high number of empty properties and whether there is any information available on why they are empty.
- Assurance sought on whether there is scope to apply discretion to the application of CT premiums
- It was noted that there was no evidence in the report that second homes/empty properties contribute to the lack of affordable housing
- The panel were not supportive of the removal of the 1 month grace for CT charge to apply
- The panel queried the governance around the approval of an empty property grant policy and the conditions around nomination rights. Nomination rights would provide some assurance that a property receiving a grant would be let following completion of the works
- The panel queried whether the policy would apply to social rented accommodation. Confirmation that other legislative controls are in place to penalise social landlords for having voids