

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

NON KEY DECISION TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE MEMBER

**Record of decision made by the Executive Member
pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities
(Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to
Information) (England) Regulations 2012**

Reference Number:	NKD19/18
Date of decision:	30 October 2019
Exempt information (Yes/No):	No
Subject:	Approval for an extension of three years to the PLACE Scheme Agreement for empty properties.
Authorised by Executive Member:	Councillor Peter Boylan Acting under authority delegated in Part 3(e), paragraph 1.3(l): <i>to promote effective relationships and partnerships between the council and all other bodies and agencies affecting the community</i>
Contact Officer:	Jonathan Geall Head of Housing and Health
Decision:	To approve a three year extension the PLACE Agreement to enable East Herts' continued participation in the PLACE scheme
Reason for Decision:	To enable the Council to

	continue to access funding from the PLACE scheme to bring back empty homes into use in East Herts
Details (if any) of alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Withdrawal from the PLACE scheme – REJECTED.</p> <p>Participation in the PLACE scheme affords the council access to funding previously awarded to the PLACE consortium from central government for the specific purposes of bringing empty homes back into use. PLACE funding has been and continues to be the council's primary, and in many case sole, funding route for grants to owners and to cover the costs of CPOs. PLACE funding would not be devolved to East Herts Council if the council were to withdraw and so the council would need to fund such activities, should it wish to continue, using its own resources</p>
Any declarations of conflict of interest and/or dispensations granted:	None
Linked to Corporate Priority:	There can be a contribution to each of the Corporate priorities when bringing empty homes back into use.
Finance Officer consulted:	Alison Street – Finance Business Partner

Legal Officer consulted:	Victoria Wilders – Legal Service Manager
Other Officers consulted:	None