

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	21st January 2013	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/21.01.13-8	Executive (Councillors Anstee, Dr. Barclay, Miss Blackburn, Colledge, Cornes, Coupe, Hyman, Mitchell and Williams)
<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u> <u>Council Tax - Introduction of Empty Property Premium</u> That it be recommended that the Council approve: 1. That from 1 st April 2013 a council tax premium of 50% be applied for properties that have remained empty for more than two years. 2. That the Executive have the discretion to vary this premium if it deems it appropriate to do so following the expected release of guidance from the Department of Communities and Local Government.		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u> To supplement the existing Empty Homes Strategy.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u> The Council could decide not to introduce the premium. However this would lose an opportunity to strengthen the Empty Homes Strategy.		
<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u> None.		

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

With immediate effect. (As this is a substantive decision for Council, call-in is not appropriate in this case.)

PUBLICATION DATE

23rd January 2013

RECORDED BY:

Acting Director of Legal & Democratic Services

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