



Walsall Area Partnerships

Brownhills, Pelsall, Rushall - Shelfield Area Partnership Void Property Update Report

29 September 2016

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide the Area Panel with an update in relation to the void property group and key void properties within the partnership area.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Area Panel is requested to note the contents of this report.

3. Void Property Group update

- 3.1 The void property group met on 12, September 2016. The meeting was chaired initially by Laura Terry, with an agreement by all present to change the terms of reference to include the appointment of West Midlands Fire Service as the nominated agency to chair the group for all future meetings. The representative present proceeded as chair from this point onwards.

3.2 Key agreements within the meeting included;

- i) Review of all locations currently featured on the void commercial, void residential and void land spreadsheets.

- ii) Seek updated information for all sites to determine a short list of properties requiring focused attention across the six area partnerships.

- iii) Void properties (and land) would be included as a priority where issues are ongoing or pose an extreme risk to the community. The group aims to provide intensive support to those locations causing the greatest detriment to the area.

4. Updates on Void Properties within Area 1

- 4.1 As part of the streamlining exercise to provide a focused list of properties causing multi agency concerns / impacting on the community, the next meeting of the void property group will agree the short list and provide an update to the area panel at its November meeting.
- 4.2 Councillors raised concerns at the last area panel regarding void properties at i) Ravenscourt, Brownhills and ii) The Old Bush, Pelsall. Both locations were part of works / cross partner conversations carried out to ensure the safety of the community and continue to be secured at the time of writing this report.