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Title of consultation response:	**Right to Regenerate: reform of the Right to Contest**
Decision taken under delegation by virtue of:	Scheme of Delegation Section 3, Part 1 – Scheme of Delegation to Officers paragraph 3.8 – Formal Responses to Government papers or other consultations

Summary

LAND & PROPERTY SERVICE IS RESPONDING TO RIGHT TO REGENERATE: REFORM OF THE RIGHT TO CONTEST CONSULTATION:

This consultation is to help to shape a reform of the Right to Contest, in order to encourage the right to be utilised more effectively and more widely to stimulate regeneration and the more productive use of land.

Strand 2 of the Community Right to Contest allows members of the public to request that the government directs the disposal of unused or underused land, including vacant homes and garages, owned by public bodies. This right is little-known and little-used, with only one direction to dispose issued since 2014.

The aim of this consultation is to strengthen the right and make it simpler to use as the new 'Right to Regenerate'.

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/right-to-regenerate-reform-of-the-right-to-contest

Decision made

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It was AGREED to submit the proposed attached response to the consultation outlined above.

Reasons for Decision:
The responses to the consultation will be submitted to Government so that it can be considered in relation to any future decision on the proposal.

Consultation with Cabinet Member

Delegation can only be actioned by an officer after consulting the relevant portfolio holder. Please provide details below:

Draft response shared with Tim Oliver by email on 08.03.21, response received approving the draft on 09.03.21.

Decision taken by:	*Leigh Whitehouse – Executive Director for Resources*
Decision taken on:	11 March 2021
Portfolio Holder	*Tim Oliver - Leader*
Portfolio Holder consulted on	08 March 2021
To be submitted on:	12 March 2021

Declarations of conflicts of interest

None/List