

Empty Homes Strategy 2026 – 2031

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Hello and thank you for your interest in this survey.

The consultation will run from Monday 6th July 2026 and will end on Sunday 16th August 2026.

Please read the Strategy before answering the questions to ensure your responses are informed and reflect the proposals being consulted on.

1. Our vision is 'to bring empty homes back into use as safe, good quality housing that meets local need, supports thriving communities and makes the best use of our existing stock across Rhondda Cynon Taf'.

To what extent do you agree with the vision?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Additional comments:

Our Strategic Objectives

2. To what extent do you agree that the objectives of the Empty Homes Strategy have effectively addressed the key issues with empty properties in RCT?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Additional comments:

3. To what extent do you agree that the strategic objectives will help us improve our understanding of the problems of empty properties in RCT?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Additional comments:

4. Below are some actions that will help us achieve the strategic objectives:

1. Work with partners to bring empty homes back into use through the delivery of the Council's Empty Homes Strategy 2026 – 2031 and monitoring of the Empty Homes action plan

2. Explore opportunities for empty homes to be brought back into use in our town centres through the use of the Welsh Government Transforming Towns funding.

3. Continue to enforce the improvement of empty homes to increase the supply and choice of housing across RCT

4. Conduct proactive outreach and targeted owner engagement to identify problematic empty homes.

To what extent do you agree that the above actions will help us achieve our strategic objectives?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Additional comments:

5. To what extent do you agree that the actions proposed to achieve the strategic objectives are measurable?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Additional comments:

6. To what extent do you agree that the actions set out to achieve the strategic objectives are realistic and achievable?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Additional comments:

7. Do you have any further comments?

8. Under the Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duties, the Council has a legal duty to look at how its decisions impact on people because they may have particular characteristics.

How would the proposals affect you because of your:

Sex

Religion / Belief

Age

Gender identity

Ethnicity

Relationship status

Disability

Pregnancy

Sexuality

Preferred language

Please provide your reason/s:

9. As part of our Welsh Impact Assessment (WIA) process, the Council has identified that there are possible impacts on the Welsh Language. Please review the WIA and provide any comments if appropriate.

10. How do you feel the proposal could impact on opportunities for learners to use and promote the Welsh Language?

Positively Negatively No impact Don't know

11. How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be decreased?

12. Does the proposal, in any way, treat the Welsh Language less favourably than the English Language?

Yes No Don't know

PLEASE CAN YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT YOURSELF

Please can you complete as much information as you are comfortable with. It is confidential.

13. You are entirely free to decide whether or not to complete this form and there are no consequences of failing to do so. We do not intend on capturing any personal identifiable information through this form. Please be mindful of this in the responses you provide within the free text areas. In the instance where you do provide us with information about yourself or others, RCTCBC will ensure it will be processed in line with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 and only used for monitoring and reporting purposes.

I do not wish to provide any of the information requested on this form

14. Age

<input type="checkbox"/> 15 or under	<input type="checkbox"/> 35-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 65-74
<input type="checkbox"/> 16-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 45-54	<input type="checkbox"/> 75+
<input type="checkbox"/> 25-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 55-64	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say

15. Sex

Are you

Female

Male

Prefer not to say

If you prefer your own term, please provide this here:

16. Gender Identity

Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Please write in your gender:

17. Sexual Orientation

Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

Bisexual

Heterosexual / Straight

Gay man

Prefer not to say

Gay woman / Lesbian

If you prefer to use your own term, please provide this here:

18. National Identity

How would you describe your national identity?

British

Irish

Welsh

Cornish

Northern Irish

Other

English

Scottish

Prefer not to say

Please describe

19. Ethnicity

How would you describe your ethnic origin?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arab | <input type="checkbox"/> English Gypsy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian: British | <input type="checkbox"/> Irish Gypsy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi | <input type="checkbox"/> Irish Traveller |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British: Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish Gypsy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian: Cornish | <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish Traveller |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian: English | <input type="checkbox"/> Welsh Gypsy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British: Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/Multiple: African & Caribbean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian: Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/Multiple: Black African & White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian: Northern Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/Multiple: Black British & White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British: Pakistani | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/Multiple: Black Caribbean & White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian: Scottish | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/Multiple: East Asian & White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British: Other East Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/Multiple: South Asian & White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British: Other South Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/Multiple: Other (please describe): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian: Welsh | <input type="checkbox"/> Roma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British: Other (please describe): | <input type="checkbox"/> Sinti |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black: British | <input type="checkbox"/> White: British |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British: African | <input type="checkbox"/> White: Cornish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British: Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> White: English |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black: Cornish | <input type="checkbox"/> White: Gypsy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black: English | <input type="checkbox"/> White: Irish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black: Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> White: Irish Traveller |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black: Northern Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> White: Northern Irish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black: Scottish | <input type="checkbox"/> White: Scottish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black: Welsh | <input type="checkbox"/> White: Welsh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black, Black British or Black African: Other (please describe): | <input type="checkbox"/> White: Other (please describe): |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

If other Ethnic Group or if you would prefer to use your own definition, please specify:

20. Disability

Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

'The definition of disability as defined under the Equality Act (2010) is 'a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial or long term adverse effect on the ability to carry out day-to-day activities'.

- Yes No Prefer not to say

21. Religion or Belief

What is your religion or Belief?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist | <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian (including Church of Wales, Catholic, Protestant and all other denominations) | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-religious (e.g. Atheist, Humanist etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu | <input type="checkbox"/> Sikh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

If other Religion or Belief, or if you prefer to use your own definition, please provide this here:

22. Caring Responsibilities

Do you look after, or support family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either: a long term physical or mental condition/disability or problems related to old age?

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, 20-49 hours a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, 1-19 hours a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, 50 or more hours a week | |

23. Pregnancy and maternity

Are you currently pregnant, or have you been pregnant within the last 12 months?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
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24. Have you taken (or are you currently taking) maternity leave in the last 12 months?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
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25. Veterans and Armed Forces

Have you ever, or are you currently, serving in the Armed Forces?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
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Citizens' Panel

Would you like to be part of our Citizens' Panel and be contacted with information about consultations to improve and develop services in Rhondda Cynon Taf? Panel membership is voluntary and you are under no obligation to take part in any consultations that we send you.

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26. Would you like to become part of our Citizens' Panel

Yes

No

I already am a member

27. How would you like to be contacted?

Email

Letter

28. Please provide your contact details:

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Email:

Thank you for taking the time to complete the above consultation.

Please submit your response to
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All correspondence should be received no later than
20/8/2026.