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Information Bulletin from the Chairman of Babergh District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Babergh Overview and Scrutiny committee received a report on Void Times in Council Properties at their meeting of 18 September 2017.

The Scrutiny Committee were concerned with the ongoing lack of progress in reducing the Void time; particularly as Void times had increased since the Joint Scrutiny review undertaken during the previous calendar year. After a robust discussion of this report with Sue Lister and Justin Wright-Newton, the Corporate Managers for Housing Options and Babergh and Mid Suffolk Building Services respectively, the following resolutions were agreed:

- 1.1 That the Committee has received assurances that appropriate steps are still being developed to reduce void times and that the position be reported to Cabinet.*
- 1.2 That the performance against void targets be monitored and be reported back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in six months.*
- 1.3 That a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be appointed to work with the Cabinet Member for Housing and the Assistant Director for Housing to monitor progress with developing the process documents for reducing void times.*