

Case Study: Empty Property brought back into use



Timeline:

How long has the property been empty, in total?	8 years
When did the Empty Homes Officer (EHO) first contact the owner?	March 2023
How did the EHO first become aware of this empty home?	The owner's partner contacted the Empty Homes officer to request assistance as the owner himself was in poor health.

The Property:

In which local authority area is the property located?	Dundee City
What type of property is it?	Terraced House
Why did the property initially become empty?	The owner purchased the property with the intention to renovate and create an HMO property.
Why did the property then remain empty?	The owner faced a lot of challenges and was unable to complete the renovation.

Empty Home Officer actions:

What options were available to the EHO?	As the owner had decided to sell the EHO provided information regarding all available sales options.
How was the EHO able to help?	The property was sold quickly via the Property Matchmaker Scheme.
Were there any obstacles in this case, and if so how were they overcome?	As the property was mid renovation the owner was concerned about the implications of selling in this condition. The EHO contacted a member of Building Standards and both officers met with the owner at the property in order to advise.

Outcome:

<p>What was the outcome in this case?</p> <p><i>Please also include any comments and/or quotes from owners in this</i></p>	<p>The property was sold quickly at a price both owner and buyer were pleased with. It has since been let to a family.</p>
<p>If the outcome was Property Sold, was the property ready to move into, or did it require further work to render it habitable?</p>	<p>There was a lot of work carried out by the new owners to make the property habitable which took a few months to complete.</p>

Additional photographs (optional):

