

### Qualifying criteria, conditions and amount of assistance available from a Problem Vacant Property Grant in the Penarth Central Renewal Area

This series of Fact Sheets sets out the qualifying criteria, conditions, and types of assistance that are available for properties in the Penarth Central Renewal Area.

For more information contact the Area Renewal Office at 88 Glebe Street Penarth Tel. 029 2070 5638 or the Grants Office at 2-8 Holton Road Barry Tel. 01446 709814.

For more information on grants available in other parts of the Vale of Glamorgan please contact the Grants Office as set out above.

If you are considering carrying out repairs or renovation to your home you must contact the Grants Office or the Penarth Central Renewal Area office **before** you start work. **If you start work without grant approval then assistance will not be available.**

Most forms of assistance will be available after the completion of Group Repair on a house, but some e.g. Emergency Grant, Home Repair Assistance grant and Home Safety Grant are available before.

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#### Special points of interest:

- New Home Safety Grant now available.
- Emergency Repair Grants for urgent works.



## Problem Vacant Property Grant

This grant will only be available in the Council's Renewal Areas and funded from Renewal Area funding.

The grant will be available to bring empty property back into use.

The properties eligible will be those that have a detrimental affect on a street or neighbourhood or where there has been enforcement activity in relation to matters such as fly-tipping, forced entry or nuisance to adjoining properties.

These grants will be limited to 75% up to a maximum of £20,000 for a single dwelling house or £10,000 per unit of accommodation in multiply occupied properties.

For landlords there is no means test but 10 year letting conditions (units must be available as rented accommodation) will be required and grant aid will be 75% of the eligible works up to a maximum of £10,000 per unit accommodation.

Owner-occupiers will be subject to 5 year repayment provisions if the property is sold. If the property is to be let the landlord will be subject to 10 year grant and letting conditions.

All applicants for this grant will be offered the assistance of the Council's Grant Agency Service\*\* that will provide a full service in preparing plans, obtaining tenders, preparing and submitting the formal grant application, supervising works on site and certifying the works on completion. The Council will charge a fee for this service that will be met from the grant.

**\*\* The Council's Grants Agency service will not be available to owners of tenanted properties (to avoid a conflict of interest where enforcement action may be required).**

Please note that the information on the grants in this document is a guide to the qualifying criteria, grant conditions and amounts of grant aid available. For more detailed advice on the grants please contact the Renewal Area Office at 88 Glebe Street, Penarth Tel. 029 2070 5638 or the Grants Office at 2-8 Holton Road, Barry Tel. 01446 709814.