

### Application for Council Tax discretionary discount

#### 1. XX, Ullswater Crescent, Weymouth

An application for Council Tax discretionary discount has been received from the owner of a property at XX Ullswater Crescent, Weymouth.

The property is 50 years and is let out to tenants. The last tenant vacated the property on 3 September 2017 and was left completely unfurnished. The Council has determined that a 100% Council Tax discount should be awarded (up to a maximum period of three months) where a dwelling becomes substantially unfurnished. In line with this, the owner was awarded a 100% discount for the period 03/09/17 to 03/12/17 but then became liable to the full Council Tax charge from 3 December 2017.

The owner has stated that little modernisation had been carried out to the property in the past and that they have decided to refurbish it, before selling it, to realise a better price. The owner aims to complete the refurbishment by the end of March/early April and to market the house in late spring/early summer.

The owner is carrying out most of the work themselves in order to keep costs to a minimum. However, they are contracting out the plastering, plumbing and electrical work. The cost of the refurbishment work, to date, is £6,640 with an estimated further £6,000 to come.

The owner has asked that a 100% Council Tax discount be awarded until the refurbishment has been completed. They acknowledge that it is taking longer to complete the refurbishment as they are carrying out most of the works but they have done this for cost reasons. They have also commented that a 25% discount would be awarded if the property was occupied by a single adult and are of the view that no one at the dwelling is currently benefiting from the local services.

If a 100% Council Tax discount was awarded from 3 December 2017, the cost to the Council would be as follows:

From 03/12/17 to 31/03/18	£546.91
From 01/04/18 onwards (per day)	£ 4.84