

## **COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH)**

### **COUNCIL TAX – REVIEW OF DISCOUNTS**

- 4.1 The Panel received the Council Tax – Review of Discounts at the meeting held on 5th February 2019.
- 4.2 Members welcomed the report and were supportive of the proposed changes.
- 4.3 A Member commented that they would like a speedier increase in applying the increased premiums to long-term empty properties; however they were informed that the speed of the increase is governed by legislation.
- 4.4 A suggestion was made that the Council could write to the owners of long-term empty properties regarding the changes.
- 4.5 The Panel was reassured that the properties of the deceased would be classified under a different category and treated differently to long-term empty properties.