

Appendix 1: Extraordinary Meeting 21st July 2026

Council tax Premium Consultation for 2027-28 – Questions considered by Fishguard & Goodwick Town Council: **Resolved responses in blue.**

3) Please select what you think council tax premiums for second homes in Pembrokeshire from 1 April 2027 onwards should be? (please choose only **ONE**)

- ☐ No premium (i.e. as standard rate of council tax)
- ☒ **50% higher than the standard rate of council tax**
- ☐ 100% higher than the standard rate of council tax
- ☐ 125% higher than the standard rate of Council tax (rate from 1 April 2026)
- ☐ 150% higher than the standard rate of council tax
- ☐ 200% higher than the standard rate of council tax
- ☐ 250% higher than the standard rate of council tax
- ☐ 300% higher than the standard rate of council tax (the maximum permissible rate)

Long-Term Empty Homes

From 1 April 2026, the council tax premium for long-term empty homes that have been empty for more than 2 years is 300%. This charge is in addition to the standard rate of council tax.

4). Please **CIRCLE** what you think the premium chargeable on long-term empty properties (unoccupied and unfurnished) should be for each of the years given below with effect from 1 April 2027:

	No premium	50%	100%	150%	200%	250%	300%
1-2 years	No premium	50%	100%	150%	200%	250%	300%
2-3 years	No premium	50%	100%	150%	200%	250%	300%
3-4 years	No premium	50%	100%	150%	200%	250%	300%
4-5 years	No premium	50%	100%	150%	200%	250%	300%
5 years or more	No premium	50%	100%	150%	200%	250%	300%

5) We would welcome your views on how any money raised from the second home and long-term empty home council tax premiums should be used.

For any funding raised by the second home and long-term empty home premiums, please rank in order of preference of how funding should be used.

Please RANK each of the options below **Rank (1 - 5)**
from 1 to 5 in order of preference (1= MOST preferred, 5 = LEAST preferred)

Use of funding

- 1 - The Council's affordable housing programme
- 2 - Elements of the Council's budget relating to affordable housing and enhancing the sustainability of local communities
- 3 - Supporting community projects that help address the negative impacts of high levels of second homes (Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant)
- 4 - Helping first time buyers purchase market housing (Homebuy Pembrokeshire)
- 5 - Bringing empty homes back into use

6) Please use this space to make any other comments you have on council tax premiums for second and long-term empty homes in Pembrokeshire.

- This Town Council feels the current system with private owners registering properties as businesses in order to avoid council tax must be properly supervised with enforcement where appropriate.
- Holiday Lets – The 182 day letting rule is too extensive and impacts valid businesses. This rule should be reviewed and the minimum letting requirement should be reduced.