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**Agenda Item 4**  
**Housing Committee**  
**20 June 2017**

## Public Questions – Agenda item 10

| QUESTION(S) FROM  | QUESTION TO   |
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| <b>Mr Keith Wilkes on behalf of Mrs Kathleen Wilkes</b>   | <b>Councillor Mattie Ross</b>   |
| <p>1. Would the housing committee have access to information concerning the tenants currently living in the above mentioned properties (i.e. Bradley Street as Gloucester Street properties are empty)?</p> <p>2. If not, then would it be possible to provide the committee with the following information. Number 13 Bradley Street has been rented from the Stroud District Council (formerly Dursley Council) by the same family for approximately 80 years. The current tenant has been living there for 65 years?</p> <p>3. Before a major decision such as this is taken, has the committee viewed these properties?</p> | <p>Yes, both myself as Chair and the Vice Chair have been briefed on the meetings with tenants with officers where their personal circumstances have been discussed and other members can have the information if requested. It is not included in the report as it is personal information, protected by the Data Protection Act 1998 and the report is a public document.</p> <p>Yes – you have done so through submitting this question.</p> <p>No, officers have inspected all of these properties.</p> |

| <b>Mr Keith Wilkes on behalf of Mr Robin Baker</b>   | <b>Councillor Mattie Ross</b>  |
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| <p>1. When discussing these properties would the committee be aware that, one of the properties in Gloucester Street has been empty for 3/4 years. The other property was vacated in November 2016 due to the tenants down seizing (neither of these properties have been re-rented)?</p> <p>2. If the committee decide to vote in favour of this disposal. Could a compromise be put forward, that Bradley Street properties give up some of their back gardens. Therefore enabling the disposal of the empty Gloucester Street properties plus extra land?</p> | <p>The report refers to the 2 empty properties on Gloucester Street (paragraph 1.1) and the reasons why they haven't been re-let. 8 Gloucester Street has been empty since Nov 2015 (20 months) and 10 Gloucester Street since Oct 2016 (8 months).</p> <p>The condition of the properties at Bradley Street and costs of repair and refurbishment are part of the reason for the recommendation to redevelop the whole site. Leaving these 2 properties as they are will mean that the Council will have to spend significant sums on them to provide the current tenants with decent living standards and, even with smaller back gardens, will restrict the Council's ability to provide more new housing, built to modern standards (including energy efficiency) on the site.</p> |