

ELGC COV 08

Ymchwiliad i COVID-19 a'i effaith

Inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact

Ymateb gan: Unigolyn 3

Response from: Individual 3

Regarding your survey on the impact of covid 19.

I feel that the local authorities should be giving orders to stop collecting council tax on empty properties that are in the process of being refurbished. Up until the end of March 2019 a 50 % reduction in council tax was in place and since April property owners are now liable to pay 100%. This is grossly unfair to people who are doing their best to get empty homes back into a habitable state for private homeowners / rental markets.

Currently my property being refurbished is on hold due to the covid 19 and that gives me concerns that the property is at risk of being broken into. I also find that it can be difficult finding tradesman as they are concerned with catching covid 19 or falling foul of the current lockdown conditions.

There is also an option to take out a Welsh government loan to refurbish properties and that is not viable as it is dependent on a RICS survey and that is not possible due to the lockdown.

I do not qualify for any furlough / business support and my council tax bill is going up on a daily basis with no support.

Regards

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