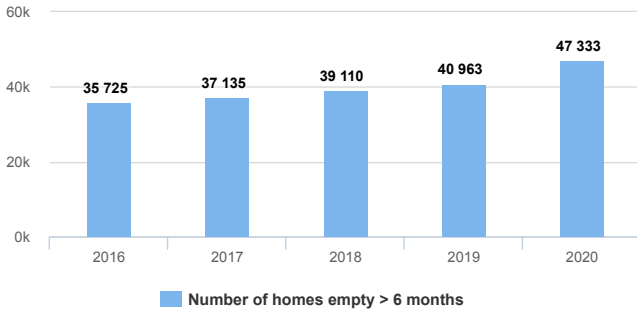


## Empty Homes in Scotland



**Does Covid provide us with new opportunities to bring empty homes back to use, and are the old opportunities still there?**

Yes

Yes

Yes to both

Yes

Opportunity to target clusters of empties

Hope so

# What are the opportunities that the pandemic has created? Are these in our cities, our towns or our villages? Are they in urban or rural areas?

More need  
for homes  
with outside  
space also

Commercial properties  
in cities will become  
residential, some  
people will be happier  
to move outwith city as  
they no longer have to  
commute.

thinking of  
alternative ways of  
working and  
searching for virtual  
solutions that can  
translate to real  
solutions

Opportunities to focus  
on town centres and  
local neighbourhood  
centres - commercial  
and residential  
conversions.

in the cities there  
is opportunity to  
turn commercial  
into residential in  
appropriate  
situations

depends whether  
working from  
home does  
become a  
permanent  
working solution

regeneration  
of traditional  
town centres

opportunity for  
dedicated working  
space near home  
rather than in home.....  
Could be use for empty  
commercial property

has made  
owners more  
proactive in  
engaging with  
the service.

LA's could do so  
much more if  
the SG would  
provide funding  
for staff

people are maybe  
less likely to hold  
onto a empty in  
these  
circumstances

**Wherever the opportunities are, what can Scottish Government, local authorities and empty homes officers do to make sure we can take advantage of them?**

