

# **Benefits of Property Guardians for Local Councils**

Property Guardianship provides affordable accommodation, whist protecting empty, council owned, properties. Local Councils are increasingly turning to Property Guardians as a cost effective, efficient and flexible way of securing empty commercial, residential and community property, turning security costs into a revenue opportunities.



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DEX Property Guardians deliver affordable, meanwhile residential use, for empty council owned property. Whether empty property is commercial, residential or going through a regeneration process the risk of squatting, vandalism and dilapidation remains the same. DEX Guardians' mitigate such risks, and can turn what would be a security cost into a revenue opportunity, as well as providing flexibility for vacant possession.

### DEX - A Trusted Local Council Partner

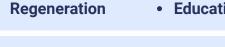


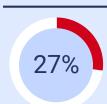
DEX have experience securing a range of empty, council owned, properties, including...

Commercial

**Experience Across the Sector** 

- Leisure
- **Community Care**
- Residential Education





**DEX Property Management work** with over a quarter of London Councils.



£200,000

**DEX Property Management made local councils** a revenue in excess of £200,000 over the last 12 months.

### **Local Council Guardians**

Over 26% of our Guardians are currently living in local council property.

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## **Benefits of Working with DEX Property Management**



## Savings & Revenue

with vacant property can be significant - DEX's service is FREE and in some cases can even provide a revenue.

Traditional security costs associated



# Vacant Possession

We can provide vacant possession in just 28 days. We will ensure the property is made available to you in its original condition - if not better.



### Secure Property Empty properties are at risk from

squatters, vandalism & theft. Guardians offer greater protection compared to traditional security methods



#### **Guardian Focus** DEX have over 1000 Guardians, who

benefit from the opportunity to enjoy spacious, communal & affordable housing.



# DEX Guardians, along with our

**Building Care** 

maintenance team, ensure the property is well maintained, helping improve appearance and retain value.



#### **PGPA** DEX is a founding member of the

**Property Guardian Providers** Association, which advocates the health & safety of Guardians

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## Local Council: Risk to Revenue

**Case Study** 



industrial is vulnerable to the risk of squatting, vandalism & dilapidation. This local council chose Property **Guardians to reduce such risk** 

Read Full Case Study

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cost into a revenue opportunity.

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#### Our client, a large London council, came to DEX in 2016 after purchasing a disused convent. It was a prominent local building that the council had

**Background** 

saved from being demolished after local residents had objected. **Activity** 

#### Following an inspection, by a DEX Account Manager, it was established that a small amount of work would need to be carried out, to ensure the

property was in a habitable standard. DEX organised all the works and covered all the costs. **Outcome** 

Over the 2 ½ years that DEX managed the site, the council were able to help over 30 Guardians find affordable London accommodation.

Because all DEX Guardians sign a licence to occupy agreement, rather than a tenancy agreement, DEX were able to hand back the property,

fully vacant, to the local council within a 28 day notice period once redevelopment was ready to start. Securing the empty property for the 2 ½ years using Property Guardians came at zero cost to the council. In addition to making saving in excess

help to fund part of the new development.

of £120,000 pa.\* the council were able to make a revenue, which could





