

8 DOUGLAS/DIGHTY (VDLF) LANDSCAPING (AN114-2007)

As part of the ongoing £4 million programme to tackle long term vacant and derelict land the above site has been identified for development by the Planning and Transportation Department. This project aims to remove some 9.4 hectares of Vacant and Derelict Land (VDL) from the VDL Register.

The works include extensive soft landscaping, fencing, infrastructure provision and improved signage for public access purposes. In addition to the physical improvements a three year maintenance regime has been agreed and incorporated within the offer from Dundee Contract Services. In order to expedite these works and building on a previous partnership agreement between Dundee Contract Services and Planning and Transportation an offer to carry out the specialist works was obtained.

Dundee Contract Services have submitted an offer of £127,125 to carry out the works which includes the three year maintenance provision. A comparison of costs was undertaken and shown to be in line with previous costs obtained in competition. In addition to the works costs a sum of £16,000 needs to be added to cover professional services costs and £6,875 for contingencies, giving a total sum of £150,000.

The works are programmed to be carried out in 2007 over two phases to suit seasonal constraints. The first phase for preparatory works will be undertaken between April and June with the second phase commencing in November, appropriate to the planting season will be completed in December.

Committee is requested to approve the foregoing.

The Depute Chief Executive (Finance) confirms that funding is available for these works through Vacant and Derelict Land Funding 2007 to 2008.