

3 VACANT AND DERELICT LAND FUND 2007-2008 - PROJECT PROGRAMME AND PROPOSED PROJECT AT 207 STRATHMARTINE ROAD (AN165-2007)

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Discussions are ongoing within the fund partnership to identify alternative projects. One new project which has received Scottish Executive approval as an acceptable substitute is the refurbishment of an industrial unit at 207 Strathmartine Road. It is recommended that a contribution of £150,000 should be made to the Economic Development Department towards the refurbishment of the unit to allow the relocation of a business currently operating from Erskine Street Yards. This will allow not only the expansion of this business but it will release a much larger site for development. Any additional costs would be met by Economic Development.

The Committee are asked to note the above and to agree that a contribution of £150,000 should be made towards the project at Strathmartine Road.

Location	Proposal
53 Erskine Street 9-13 Dura Street	Acquire vacant flats not in Dundee City Council ownership and demolish to create a site viable for development.
Langlands Street Whalers Close	Acquire and demolish buildings and vacant yards and create a path through them with parking to create a site suitable for development.
Princes Street Yard	Remove fuel tanks and concrete walls to create potential development site.
Planning & Transportation Storage Yard	To allow the redevelopment of Princes Street and Langlands Street storage yards it is necessary to relocate them to a new site
Hilltown Small Sites	Small site remediation. Remove debris and landscape.
Riverside Drive	Grant to developer to assist with the demolition of the building and the remediation of the site.
Dighty, Baldovie Road and Drumgeith Road	Woodland planting on land which has been vacant/ derelict for years, clearance and tree planting.
Claverhouse East Industrial Estate	Provide a landscape buffer between industrial estate and housing.
Weavers Village and High Street, Lochee	Contribution towards purchase of shopping centre.