

10 VACANT AND DERELICT LAND FUND: TECHNOPOLE, 17-29 ANNFIELD ROAD - DEMOLITION (AN4-2007)

Reference is made to Article VII of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 17th April, 2006, which approved the draft programme of works proposed under the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund for 2006-2008. This Council owned site at 17-29 Annfield Road is identified for action in the programme agreed with the Scottish Executive and approved by Scottish Ministers.

The adjacent land to the north of the site is on the Vacant and Derelict Land Register and forms the undeveloped part of the Technopole. The Technopole is a strategic site within the City identified for technology and research related development. The majority of the current occupiers fall within the Biotechnology sector although the site is designed to accommodate technology and research related projects from a number of key sectors. To aid the long term development of the vacant land in the Technopole, an allocation has been made in the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund programme for the removal of a derelict former works building at 17-19 Annfield Road. Once cleared, the site will be marketed for technology and research related development.

Preliminary works have taken place to prepare the building for demolition and the contract for the work has been let with work commencing on 11th December, 2006. The demolition works were instructed to be carried out by D Geddes (Contractors) Limited at a cost of £71,800.84 as reported to the Economic Development Committee on 13th November, 2006.

It is therefore recommended that an allocation from the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund up to a maximum of £100,000 be made for the costs of demolition, (£71,800.84), the preliminary works (£8,755.00) and fees with the demolition works to be completed before the end of the financial year.

The Economic Development Department has been successful in bidding for ERDF funding for the post demolition treatment of the site. This treatment is expected to comprise grass and a new boundary wall onto Annfield road to match the post demolition treatment of the existing development sites in the Technopole.