

11 VACANT AND DERELICT LAND FUND: BALERNO STREET - REPLACEMENT RESIDENTIAL HOME FOR THE ELDERLY (AN5-2007)

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. The site at Balerno Street is identified for action in the programme agreed with the Scottish Executive and approved by Scottish Ministers.

The Balerno Street site consists of an area of land on the Vacant and Derelict Land Register that is located in the Douglas and Angus area of Dundee. The site of the former Balerno Primary School has lain vacant for a number of years. At the time the programme was drawn up, the Social Work Department were preparing plans for the development of a residential home for the elderly on the site. To bring this development forward and remove the vacant site from the Vacant and Derelict Land Register an allowance was made to assist with ground preparation works. These works form part of the £3.4 m contract for the development which was approved by the Social Work Committee on 21st August, 2006. The contract has now been let and work has commenced on site.

Therefore it is recommended that an allocation of £52,000 from the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund be made to the Social Work Department.