

12 VACANT AND DERELICT LAND FUND: SUMMERFIELD GARDENS/DUNHOLM ROAD - DEMOLITIONS (AN6-2007)

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. Sites at Summerfield Gardens and Dunholm Road are identified for action in the programme agreed with the Scottish Executive and approved by Scottish Ministers.

These two sites currently accommodate Council housing that has been declared surplus. Summerfield Gardens is located in Whitfield, an area of the city that is in the process of physical regeneration through proposed new housing development. The removal of this surplus housing would create development opportunities on the cleared sites and enhance development opportunities on the adjacent sites, which are on the Vacant and Derelict Land Register.

Dunholm Road is located in the Charleston area. The removal of this surplus housing creates a development opportunity on the cleared site and enhances the development prospects of Vacant and Derelict Land sites elsewhere in this part of the city.

An allocation has been made in the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund programme to grant assist the Housing Department with the costs of demolition and clearance of these sites.

The Housing Department has let the demolition contract for the two sites following the usual tendering process. The value of the contract is in excess of the £80,000 allocated for each site in the VDLF programme. It is recommended that an allocation from the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund of up to £80,000 for each site be made to the Housing Department towards the costs of demolition and site clearance work, with the demolition and clearance works to be completed before the end of the current financial year.