

REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 27 OCTOBER 2014

REPORT ON: VACANT AND DERELICT LAND FUND PROGRAMME 2014-2015

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform the Committee that the Scottish Government has allocated a further £1,576,109 under the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund to Dundee for 2014-2015. The Committee is asked to approve the delivery programme for this fund.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee

- notes that the Scottish Government has allocated a further £1,576,109 under the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund over the period 2014 to 2015 for projects in Dundee.
- notes that the Scottish Government has approved the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund programme set out in Appendix 1 to this report as the delivery programme for the period 2014 to 2015.
- approves the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund programme set out in Appendix 1 to this report as the delivery programme for the period 2014 to 2015.
- notes that due to changes to the indicators against which the need for funding is assessed it has been determined that Dundee will no longer receive funding from the VDLF.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Director of Corporate Services advises that the Scottish Government has allocated £1,576,109 for projects in Dundee under the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund.

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Scottish Government has again allocated funding from the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund to Dundee. The allocation for 2014-2015 is £1,576,109. Scottish Ministers have indicated that the key objectives of the Fund should be to:

- a tackle long term vacant and derelict land;
- b stimulate economic growth and job creation; and
- c promote environmental justice and improved quality of life, with a particular focus on innovation and temporary and longer term greening techniques.

4.2 A programme of projects is contained in Appendix 1 to this Report. This has been approved by Scottish Ministers.

4.3 These projects spread widely across the city have focused on adding value to Council led projects on Vacant and Derelict Land, and projects that will benefit the city's Community Regeneration Areas.

- 4.4 Members will be aware that Dundee has benefited from £16,927,275 from the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund (VDLF) over the period 2004-2014. This funding support has reduced the level of Vacant and Derelict Land in Dundee, helped to remove blight from our most deprived neighbourhoods and supported new development across many areas of the city. A total of five local authorities currently receive this funding reflecting the extent of vacated derelict land in these areas and levels of deprivation. Due to changes to the indicators against which the need for this funding is assessed it has been determined that Dundee will no longer receive this fund.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major issues.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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APPENDIX 1

VACANT AND DERELICT LAND FUND
Proposed Schedule of Projects

Site Name	Project Summary
Burnside Street, Whorterbank	<u>Environmental Improvements</u> Address community concerns over anti-social behaviour problems, parking and open space issues within Whorterbank by providing play space and/or parking on VDL.
Maxwelltown Multis	<u>Site Investigations</u> Site Investigations to inform redevelopment of vacant land with new school, community facility and housing.
Menzieshill Masterplan	<u>Site Investigations</u> Site Investigations to inform redevelopment of vacant land with new school, community facility and housing.
Whitfield Avenue Low Rise	<u>Post Demolition Treatment and Environmental Improvements</u> Creation of greenspace and footpaths on demolition site.
Queen Victoria & Regent Works	<u>Feasibility Study</u> Study to support redevelopment. To include options /costs for site investigations, demolition and acquisition.
Whitfield - Lothian Crescent	<u>Environmental Improvements</u> Landscape a SUDS pond on principal route alongside VDL housing sites.
Fmr Douglas PS, Balmoral Terrace	<u>Community Growing</u> Support the development of community garden / allotments.
Seabraes Bridge	<u>Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge</u> Support works to maximise accessibility for pedestrians and cycles to and from vacant development sites, and to maximise the visual impact of the bridge. i.e. access ramp, signage, lighting.
Panmurefield	<u>Environmental Improvements</u> Improve community access to greenspace - resurface cycleway and enhance the quality of the Dighty Valley corridor through further landscaping.
Central Waterfront	<u>Open Space and Garden Areas</u> Support the re-development of vacant land around the central green space through creation of garden areas and development plots.