

**REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 25 NOVEMBER 2013**

**REPORT ON: VACANT AND DERELICT LAND FUND PROGRAMME 2013-2014**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT**

**REPORT NO: 457-2013**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Committee that the Scottish Government has allocated a further £1,073,205.60 under the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund to Dundee for 2013-2014 . The Committee is asked to approve the delivery programme for this fund.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- a notes that the Scottish Government has allocated a further £1,073,205.60 under the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund over the period 2013-2014 for projects in Dundee; and
  - b approves the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund programme set out in Appendix 1 to this report as the delivery programme for the period 2013-2014.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Director of Corporate Services advises that the Scottish Government has allocated £1,073,205.60 for projects in Dundee under the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund.

## **4 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Members will be aware that Dundee has benefited from £15,854,070 from the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund (VDLF) over the period 2004-2013. This has helped to remove blight and support new development across many areas of the city. Dundee has been allocated a further £1,073,205.60 for the period 2013/2014.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 A draft programme of proposed projects is contained in Appendix 1 to this Report. This has been approved by Scottish Ministers. Due to the tight timescale in which to prepare this programme, not all of these projects have been costed in detail. As such, it is not yet known if the funding available can enable all projects to be undertaken

## **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. The major issues identified are the programme of projects to be targeted under the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund will help bring Vacant and Derelict Land back into productive use and ensure that resources are used efficiently and waste is minimised.

## **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 There are no background papers of relevance to this report.

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## APPENDIX 1

## VACANT AND DERELICT LAND FUND

Proposed Schedule of Projects

Site Location	Ha	Description of Site	Works to be Undertaken	Outputs	Outcomes
Shore Terrace	0.66	Caird Hall Civic Space	Support the creation of civic space comprising extension to car park that can be used for parking, community and commercial events space and to support large events in Caird Hall.	Reduction in area of vacant land; additional car parking; new community event space; additional event space for Caird Hall.	Improved access to City Centre, Caird Hall and longer "dwell" times by visitors.
Land to North of Port of Dundee	3.73	Port Bypass Cycle Link	Create a cycle and pedestrian link on vacant land as a desirable alternative to the existing route through the Port.	Removal of vacant land; enhancement of a section of the Green Circular; Creation of new greenspace. Improved appearance of land.	Increased use of Green Circular by commuters, leisure cyclists and pedestrians.
Lochee District Centre – Highgate Area Masterplan	0.1	New Road	Form a new street through vacant land linking Lochee Bypass to High Street.	Increased commercial visibility and access to and from the High Street. Creation of development opportunities on vacant land.	Physical and economic regeneration of Lochee District Centre.
Lochee District Centre – Highgate Area Masterplan	0.1	New Car Park – Car Park G	Form a car park on part of vacant site. Part of Lochee master plan. Relieve pressure on High Street, and increase footfall.		Economic and environmental benefits in the form of increased visits and a reduction in the number of cars parked on High Street.
Lochee District Centre – Highgate Area	0.1	Public Greenspace J	Form high quality permanent community greenspace in	High quality area of public realm and greenspace in	Enhanced environment in heart of Lochee

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Masterplan			centre of master plan area. To be capable of hosting community events.	the heart of the District Centre.	District Centre.
Lochee District Centre – Highgate Area Masterplan	0.1	Lochee High Street/Bypass junction	Create right turn lane to enable buses using new transport hub to take logical route back to main road.	Will enhance expenditure on the transport hub and other master plan works.	Physical and economic regeneration of Lochee District Centre.