

REPORT TO: HOUSING COMMITTEE – 21 OCTOBER 2002

REPORT ON: DEMOLITION OF 37 ST COLUMBA GARDENS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

REPORT NO: 719-2002

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. Approval of this report will contribute towards achieving the following Corporate Plan objective.

"Tackle poor living conditions which are unpopular within communities, take action to help residents put the heart back into their communities and provide quality housing and choice".

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. It is recommended that Committee approve the demolition of 37 St Columba Gardens (see Appendix 1).
- 2.2. Remit the City Engineer to prepare tenders and seek offers for demolition and post demolition treatment at the appropriate time.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. Demolition and post demolition costs are estimated at £30,000. This estimate is inclusive of professional fee, contingencies, tipping cost and permanent improvements to the site. Costs can be met from an allowance in the 2002/2003 HRA Planned Maintenance Estimates.

4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. This report will contribute towards ensuring that:

"Local needs are met locally" – Removal of vacant and derelict buildings provides an opportunity to enhance immediate environmental conditions for the betterment of residents.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. None.

6. BACKGROUND

- 6.1. 37 St Columba Gardens consists of 4 non-sheltered 2-apartment flats built in 1960. (Note these were sheltered but were decommissioned over two years ago due to lack of demand). The block stands on its own and is shown on the map in Appendix 1.

- 6.2. There is no demand for this size of housing in the St Mary's estate and the 4 flats are presently void.

7. **CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Directors of Finance, Support Services, Economic Development, Planning and Transportation, Chief Corporate Planning Officer and City Engineer have been consulted.

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SIGNATURE

DATE

APPENDIX 1

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