

7 VACANT AND DERELICT LAND FUND: PROPOSED LANDSCAPING, DUN SINANE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE (AN96-2006)

Reference is made to Article VII of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 16th May 2005 which outlined the programme of works proposed under the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund for 2005/06. This included an allowance to remove some dereliction in Dunsinane Industrial Estate.

The revitalisation of Dunsinane Industrial Estate for employment purposes is a key objective of the Dundee Local Plan Review, adopted on 1st August 2005. As part of this, the principal land and property owner within the Estate has undertaken works to demolish and clear derelict factories and create sites for potential inward investment opportunities. Dundee City Council has also recently demolished vacant property in its ownership within the Estate. To assist with these works, the Planning and Transportation Committee at its meetings in December 2005 and January 2006 approved grants totalling £149,800 under the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund.

The Director of Planning and Transportation is at an advanced stage in discussions with the principal landowner within the Estate regarding the production of a masterplan for the regeneration of Dunsinane Industrial Estate as required by the Dundee Local Plan Review. This masterplan will set a positive context for new job creating development in Dunsinane to be stimulated by improvements to the physical environment within the Estate. As part of this, new tree planting along the northern boundary of the Estate is proposed as an early action. This planting should be semi-mature trees and will significantly enhance the appearance of Dunsinane from the Kingsway and will positively impact on the image and attractiveness of the Estate.

It is recommended that a grant of £18,200 be awarded to Dunsinane Estates Limited under the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund to undertake this planting to be paid upon completion.

This planting will be complemented by soft landscaping works, footpath improvement, removal of derelict structures and general tidying up works to be funded by Dunsinane Estates Limited.