

**REPORT TO:** CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 25 JUNE 2012

**REPORT ON:** VACANT AND DERELICT LAND FUND PROGRAMME 2012 TO 2013

**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

**REPORT NO:** 150-2012

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Committee that the Scottish Government has confirmed an allocation of £1,168,369.97 to Dundee City Council under the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund (VDLF) for the period 2012-13.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee
- a notes that Scottish Government has allocated a further £1,168,369.97 under the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund over the period 2012 to 2013 for projects in Dundee; and
  - b approves the draft Vacant and Derelict Land Fund programme set out in Appendix 1 to this report as a bid for this fund.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Director of Corporate Services advises that Scottish Government has provisionally allocated £1,168,369.97 for projects in Dundee under the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund.

## **4 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Members will be aware that Dundee has benefited from £14,685,700 from the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund over the period 2004-12. This has helped greatly to remove blight and enable and support new development across many areas of the City.
- 4.2 The Scottish Government provisionally allocated £1,168,369.97 to Dundee under the VDLF and invited Dundee City Council to submit a draft Delivery Plan indicating projects that would benefit.
- 4.3 Scottish Ministers have agreed 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.
- 4.4 To ensure that the Fund was operational from 1 April 2012, local partnerships were required to prepare and submit draft programmes to Scottish Government by the beginning of March 2012.

- 4.5 The draft VDLF identifies projects located within Lochee and Whitfield and also the Seabraes area. Project allowances for Dundee's allocation of £1,168,369.97 will be confirmed once draft programmes have been appraised by Scottish Government.
- 4.6 A draft schedule of proposed projects is contained in Appendix 1 to this Report. These projects have not yet been costed in detail; therefore not all of them may be undertaken. .
- 4.7 If approved by Scottish Government, the programme will be regularly monitored to ensure that maximum benefit from the money available to Dundee under the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund can be achieved.

## **5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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, Director of Corporate Services and the 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**

| <b>Site Location</b>                        | <b>Description of Site</b>   | <b>Description of Works</b>   | <b>Outcomes</b>   |
|---|--|---|---|
| Highgate/Weavers - Subway                   | Derelict Subway under Lochee Bypass  | Subway infill and level ground  | Pedestrian and vehicular connections between Lochee and surrounding catchments will be improved. Creation of infrastructure to release development sites to provide greater commercial choice, employment, co-location of complimentary services, opportunities and needs of this local district centre area. |
| Highgate/Weavers - Link Road                | Land between Lochee Bypass and High Street   | Construction of new road linking Lochee Bypass to High Street   |   |
| Highgate/Weavers - Pedestrian Crossing      | Lochee Bypass  | Installation of new pedestrian crossing in desired location across Lochee Bypass  |   |
| Whitfield Primary School                    | Derelict former Primary school building  | Demolition, remediation and temporary greening  | Vacant sites in residential areas pending development of new mixed tenure housing will be enhanced.   |
| Newfields Primary School                    | Derelict former Primary school building  | Demolition, remediation and temporary greening  |   |
| Seabraes Pedestrian Bridge                  | Bridge landings at Seabraes and Tesco, Riverside over Railway  | Design and Construction of new pedestrian bridge over railway providing vital link between Seabraes to Riverside Esplanade                          | The marketability of the Seabraes area through ensuring good connections between employment and residential sites will be enhanced.   |
| Land to West of Homebase on Riverside Drive | Prominent section of Riverside Ambassador Route, which contains derelict, unattractive bricked areas along path. | Clear site, mirror the high quality landscaping across Riverside Drive on Riverside Esplanade, including new path, seating, hedge and tree planting | The high quality landscaping along Riverside will be continued; commencement of a broader landscaping strategy allied to the Central Waterfront project in advance of significant development.  |