

Redevelopment of Albert Cross (Ward 6) - Tenement design contest approved.

3 Councillor Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use, presented a report regarding a proposed tenement design contest for the redevelopment of Albert Cross (Ward 6), advising that

- (1) following major fires in 2019 and 2020, 2 prominent buildings at Albert Drive, Albert Cross were lost, resulting in a significant impact to part of the city's built heritage within the East Pollokshields Conservation Area as well as the loss of a number of businesses and homes;
- (2) the redevelopment of the sites was a priority, however with the mix of ownership and high development costs it was unlikely that the 2 sites would be redeveloped in the short to medium term without direct intervention by the Council;
- (3) it was proposed that the Council progress with the acquisition of the 2 sites by voluntary or Compulsory Purchase orders and in parallel, a design contest be carried out by the Council in collaboration with a partner organisation such as the Glasgow Institute of Architects to enable a design-led approach to this complex site;
- (4) the Pollokshields Renaissance group, chaired by Bailie MacLeod and Councillor Molyneux, local ward members, Council officers and key external stakeholders had been established with its key focus being to address the impact of the 2 fires and to develop an agreed approach to the restoration of this key part of Albert Cross, as detailed in the report; and
- (5) in tandem with the acquisition process, it was proposed that a design contest be progressed, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) approved a tenant design contest for the redevelopment of Albert Cross.