

Vacant and Derelict Land Fund – Survey results noted - Acceptance of funding agreed – Declaration of interest.

2 Councillor Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use, presented a report providing an update on the indicative findings of the Scottish Vacant and Derelict Land (VDL) Survey (SVDLS) 2025 return for Glasgow and regarding the proposals for the use of vacant and derelict land (VDL) funding in 2026/27, advising that

- (1) the Scottish Government supported the re-use of urban vacant and derelict land through an annual allocation of VDL funding to 5 local authorities, including Glasgow;
- (2) that local authorities in Scotland had a statutory responsibility to submit an annual SVDLS return to the Scottish Government and the Scottish Government intend to publish its findings of the SVDLS 2025 returns in August 2026, which confirmed a continued trend of decreasing VDL in the city, as detailed in the report
- (3) the Scottish Government on 3rd July 2026 had confirmed an allocation of £1,841,679 of VDL funding in 2026/27 for Glasgow and 11 projects, as detailed in an Appendix to the report, had been included in the delivery plan which would be led by either the Council or external project partners including housing associations and community organisations;
- (4) the proposed projects would investigate and/or treat a total of 12.93 hectares of urban vacant and derelict land, with proposed locations detailed in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (5) officers would negotiate legal agreements with project partners to enable disbursement of funds, and that all projects were subject to the Scottish Government and the Council's established monitoring and claim requirements; and
- (6) that Vacant Derelict Land Investment Programme (VDLIP) had ceased to continue as a standalone fund during 2026/27 and had been absorbed into the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, and that a report outlining the successes and challenges of VDLIP funding, VDLF awards and vacant and derelict land survey trends would be submitted to the Economy, Housing, Transport, and Regeneration City Policy Committee within the next 6 months.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) accepted the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund grant offer for 2026/27 from the Scottish Government, totalling £1,841,679.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor Cannon declared an interest in this item of business and left the room and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.