4 properties consisting of 73 Rylees Crescent, Flat 2/2, 4 Melville Street, Flat 0/2, 35 Westmoreland Street, and Flat 0/4, 94 Allison Street – Compulsory purchase order approved.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding proposals to promote a compulsory purchase order (CPO) of 4 properties consisting of 73 Rylees Crescent, Flat 2/2, 4 Melville Street, Flat 0/2, 35 Westmoreland Street and Flat 0/4, 94 Allison Street,

(1) advising that a key priority of the Glasgow's Empty Homes Strategy was to tackle the problem of empty properties with the aim being to bring these properties back into residential use under the ownership of a RSL partner to increase the availability of affordable housing, including for larger households, and provide good quality accommodation for those who need it; and

(2) detailing

(a) the ongoing concerns and conditions of the 4 properties;

(b) proposals to promote a CPO over all 4 properties, which were in private ownership and had been lying in various states of disrepair for a considerable amount of time; and

(c) that ownership of the 4 propertes would be transferred by the Council through 'back to back' agreements that would be entered into and legally agreed through all parties in advance of the CPO being promoted.

After consideration, the committee approved

(i) the promotion of Compulsory Purchase Orders over the properties at 73 Rylees Crescent, Glasgow, G52 4BZ, Flat 2/2, 4 Melville Street, Glasgow G41 2LN, Flat 0/2, 35 Westmoreland Street, Glasgow G42 8LL and Flat 0/4, 94 Allison Street, Glasgow, G42 8ND; and

(ii) 'back-to-back' agreements with the Wheatley Group for 73 Rylees Crescent, Glasgow, G52 4BZ, with Southside Housing Association for Flat 2/2, 4 Melville Street, Glasgow G41 2LN and Flat 0/4, 94 Allison Street, Glasgow, G42 8ND and with Govanhill Housing Association for Flat 0/2, 35 Westmoreland Street, Glasgow G42 8LL.