

Linlithgow Gardens (Ward 19) – Compulsory purchase order approved – Authority to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability seeking authority to promote a compulsory purchase order (CPO) of 7 Linlithgow Gardens (Ward 19), advising that

- (1) the property was a residential 3 bed semi-detached and had been identified on the council tax register as being a long-term empty home as it had been unoccupied since 4th November 2024;
- (2) the property had deteriorated over many years and was now in a state of disrepair, requiring comprehensive internal refurbishments and significant external fabric repairs along with the front and rear gardens;
- (3) on confirmation of the CPO by the Scottish Ministers, the Council would advertise the property as a private development opportunity and submissions would be expected to meet a certain criteria to acquire the property and bring it back into habitable condition; and
- (4) the proposal was to enter into a back-to-back agreement with the successful purchaser after the CPO had been confirmed, before the Council takes title of the property.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved
 - (i) the promotion of a CPO at 7 Linlithgow Gardens in advance of securing a back-to-back agreement with the purchaser; and
 - (ii) the proposal to market the property at 7 Linlithgow Gardens as a private development opportunity following confirmation of the CPO by Scottish Ministers but prior to the Council taking title; and
- (b) authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to approve
 - (i) the terms of the proposed marketing exercise;
 - (ii) the selection of a purchaser following the marketing exercise; and
 - (iii) the terms for a back-to-back agreement with the purchaser, following a comprehensive assessment of their ability to deliver the project.