

Flats 1/3 and 3/2, 27 Harley Street and flat 1/2 , 25 Harley Street (Ward 5) – Compulsory purchase orders approved.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding proposals to promote compulsory purchase orders (CPOs) of 3 properties at flats 1/3 and 3/2, 27 Harley Street and flat 1/2, 25 Harley Street (Ward 5), advising

- (1) that the 3 properties were in the ownership of a former private landlord who had been removed from the Register of Private Landlords by this authority following the owner's repeated failure to provide the requested documentation to support their standing as a fit and proper person to be registered as a private landlord and to demonstrate that the properties met the required standards;
- (2) that following the owner's removal from the Register of Private Landlords, rent penalty notices had been served on all 3 properties with the landlord failing to take action and it was understood that the landlord had now abandoned the properties;
- (3) that Elderpark Housing Association had offered to purchase all 3 properties on a voluntary basis as it already owned flats within both buildings and provided factoring services but that the landlord had refused to engage;
- (4) that Elderpark Housing Association had given a commitment to rehouse any occupants residing in the flats in suitable alternative accommodation once their needs had been assessed; and
- (5) of the proposals by the Council for the compulsory purchase of all 3 properties, with ownership to be transferred to Elderpark Housing Association following confirmation of the CPOs by Scottish Ministers through a 'back-to-back' agreement, which would be legally agreed by both parties in advance of the CPOs being promoted.

After consideration, the committee approved the

- (a) promotion of CPOs over the properties at flats 1/3 and 3/2, 27 Harley Street and flat 1/2, 25 Harley Street; and
- (b) 'back-to-back' agreement with Elderpark Housing Association for flats 1/3 and 3/2, 27 Harley Street and flat 1/2, 25 Harley Street.