

To: Planning and Climate Change Policy Board

On: 14 June 2022

Report by: Chief Executive

Heading: Renfrewshire Vacant and Derelict Land Strategy 2022

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Renfrewshire Local Development Plan (2021) sets out a commitment to reduce, reuse and repurpose vacant and derelict land across Renfrewshire.
 - 1.2 The Renfrewshire Vacant and Derelict Land Strategy (2022) identifies a number of actions to promote redevelopment, re-use or repurpose of previously used land and encourage positive outcomes to support the enhancement of places, deliver sustainable economic growth and promote greener living, stimulate nature recovery by increasing biodiversity across Renfrewshire.
 - 1.3. The strategy is available to view on the Council's website at [Vacant and Derelict Land Strategy 2022](#).
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board:
 - (i) Approves the Renfrewshire Vacant and Derelict Land Strategy 2022.
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3. Background

- 3.1 This is the third vacant and derelict land strategy for Renfrewshire. While the amount of vacant and derelict land is reducing each year it remains a priority to reuse, redevelop and repurpose land across Renfrewshire.

- 3.2 The Renfrewshire Vacant and Derelict Land Strategy 2022 sets out actions which will contribute to making Renfrewshire a more sustainable place and continuing to reduce the amount of vacant and derelict land. The implementation of these actions aim to secure positive effects for biodiversity by greening local environments, having better, healthier and more vibrant neighbourhoods, creating new employment opportunities and assisting in mitigating the effects of the climate crisis.
- 3.3 The strategy identifies five key themes and a series of related actions. The five themes are:
- Infrastructure-first approach to investment to support sustainable inclusive economic growth and unlock development potential of stalled sites;
 - Prioritise development on brownfield and previously used land;
 - Local Living - supporting development in and around our town and village centres;
 - Consider the potential of innovative delivery mechanisms; and
 - Support nature positive places that will be more resilient to the impacts of the climate crisis and support the recover and restoration of our natural environment.
- 3.4 Renfrewshire's vacant and derelict land is monitored each year through the preparation and submission to the Scottish Government of the Scottish Vacant and Derelict Land Survey (SVDLS).
- 3.5 The Renfrewshire Vacant and Derelict Land Strategy will be reported bi-annually to the relevant Council Board.
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – The extent and details of the additional duties is still to be confirmed.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None.
3. **Community/Council Planning** – Reshaping our place, our economy, and our future – The Renfrewshire Vacant and Derelict Land Strategy 2022 sets out a series of actions to reduce the amount of vacant land which has the potential to regenerate neighbourhoods, improve local environments and create new employment opportunities.
4. **Legal** – None.
5. **Property/Assets** – None.
6. **Information Technology** – None.

7. **Equality & Human Rights -**

(a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. **Health & Safety** – None.

9. **Procurement** – None.

10. **Risk** – None.

11. **Privacy Impact** – None.

12. **COSLA Policy Position** - None.

13. **Climate Risk** – The strategy supports the re-use of vacant and derelict land for a range of uses including those which can help address the climate crisis by managing flood risk and providing biodiversity enhancements.

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