

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land & Environmental Services)

Council Meeting: 27 June 2007

Subject: Contaminated land remediation project at the former industrial site, Dalquhurn Estate, Renton.

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise Members that the Scottish Executive has provided a capital grant funding award of £2million, to remediate the former industrial site at Dalquhurn in Renton and to seek Members approval for the spending of the £2million grant allocation.

2. Background

- 2.1** The Scottish Executive advised all local authorities in May 2006 that additional grant funding would be made available to clean up contaminated sites. The extra grant funding was distributed by a bidding process. The Environmental Health Section submitted a grant bid in excess of £2million for the remediation of the Dalquhurn site. A subsequent award of £2million was granted, to be spent within the 2007/2008 financial year.
- 2.2** The site has been purchased by Cordale Housing Association which is committed to developing the site for a combination of mixed tenure housing in partnership with a private developer however additional funding to clean up the site to make it suitable for use is required.
- 2.3** Communities Scotland, as well as the Scottish Executive, has supported this project. This is an opportunity for West Dunbartonshire Council to work in partnership to ensure that a former derelict site is brought back into use and this will contribute to the further regeneration of the Renton area.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The Environmental Health Section, on behalf of West Dunbartonshire Council, intends to enter into a contract with Cordale Housing Association to allow Cordale Housing Association to project manage the remediation works as part of the overall regeneration project.
- 3.2** The contract shall cover all areas of remediation work and will enable the Environmental Health Section to oversee the project and prior approve a remediation strategy for the site; review regular progress reports; hold regular meetings with the project management team; assess validation reports of works carried out, and prior approve all invoices for payment for the decontamination works.

3.3 In order to satisfy Scottish Executive funding requirements it will be necessary to agree terms of governance arrangements between West Dunbartonshire Council and Cordale Housing Association for the remediation project. These terms are currently being finalised and will not delay progressing this project.

3.4 When the decontamination works are completed the Environmental Health Section involvement in the project will revert to that of a consultee during the planning process for the remainder of the development.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 A capital grant of £2million has been secured from the Scottish Executive as assistance in implementing the project.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 Notwithstanding any agreement between Cordale Housing Association and West Dunbartonshire Council, the Council shall be held responsible for completion of the project as detailed in the formal offer of grant and associated terms and conditions from the Scottish Executive.

7. Conclusions

7.1. Following a bid to the Scottish Executive for funding to remediate the Dalquhurn site a capital grant of £2million has been awarded to the Council.

7.2. It is proposed that the Council enters into a contract with Cordale Housing Association to enable the Association to project manage the remediation on behalf of the Environmental Health Section.

8. Recommendations

8.1 That Members note the award of capital grant for £2million to fund the remediation of the Dalquhurn site.

8.2. That Members approve the spending of the £2million capital grant on the remediation of the Dalquhurn site.

- 8.3. That Members approve the development of a contract between West Dunbartonshire Council and Cordale Housing Association to formalise the project management of the remediation programme at Dalquhurn.**

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Appendix: None

Background Papers: Funding bid to Scottish Executive. 14 September 2006.
Letter of confirmation of grant funding from the Scottish Executive. 9 May 2007.

Wards Affected: Ward 2 Leven