

**28 February 2023**

**Derelict Sites**

**Ward(s):** All

**Portfolio:** Cabinet Member, Regeneration

**1. Aim**

- 1.1 Walsall is a town with a proud history and a considerable stock of historic and heritage buildings, a number of which have now fallen into disrepair. Walsall Council is showing civic leadership by compiling information on these buildings, sites and their owners, and creating a set of actions to address the problems caused by their condition, with a view to improving the experience, safety and enjoyment of the borough.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the report brought to Cabinet on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023, to set out the criteria for intervention and to confirm Cabinet's support in principle for the use of Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to acquire derelict sites with a view to enabling safe and attractive development.

**3. Report detail – know**

- 3.1 On 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Cabinet considered the Derelict Sites report. Cabinet approved the recommendations, to support CPO provided that this would be to enable a strategic regeneration scheme; and/or that the site is a derelict and underutilised regeneration site, a long-term empty property and/or derelict land. Cabinet were also asked to approve the criteria for selection of sites, to inform a further iteration of the capital programme containing allocations to acquire any agreed sites. The report is appended below.

**4. Decide**

- 4.1 Cabinet approved the recommendations as detailed above.

## **5. Review**

- 5.1 The council will develop a business case for each site as it comes forward and also review the capital programme accordingly.

### **Background papers**

None

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