



## Report to the Planning and Urban Form Strategic Policy Committee - November 2019

### ACTIVE LAND MANAGEMENT (Agenda Item No. 5)

#### **Derelict Sites:**

- Ongoing acquisition strategy (23 residential sites acquired compulsorily since 2017)
- 20 retained by the Council for social housing purposes
- Policy is to target high profile sites with a long history of dereliction
- ABP :
  - Consent just secured for the compulsory acquisition of a high profile site on Thomas Court
  - Consent currently sought for the compulsory acquisition of a high profile unfinished residential development site at Richmond Avenue
- Threat of entry on Derelict Sites Register / Compulsory Acquisition :
  - Sites rendered non-derelict
  - Planning Applications for redevelopment
  - Sites placed for sale

#### **Property Acquisitions:**

- Compulsory Purchase Orders :
  - Main Street Chapelizod Area Compulsory Purchase (Residential / Commercial Development) Order 2018. CPO operative on 11/04/19.
  - Emmet Road, Saint Vincent Street West Area Compulsory (Renewal & Rejuvenation) Order, 2019. CPO operative on 07/08/19
  - Ryder's Row / Parnell Street / Capel Street Area Compulsory Purchase (Residential / Commercial Development) Order 2019. CPO operative on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

*Process commenced on the following:*

- *Exchange Street (2020)*
- *Werburgh St / Ship Street (2020)*
- *NCR / Russell Street (2020)*
- Strategic property acquisition opportunities
  - Arran House, Smithfield (adjoining Fruit & Vegetable Market)
  - Plough Pub, Abbey Street/Marlborough Street (Opposite Abbey Theatre)

### **VACANT SITES REGISTER (VSR)**

Established on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 in accordance with the Urban Regeneration & Housing Act 2015 ( as amended)

**1100** sites surveyed to date

- Large number of these considered unsuitable for entry on the Vacant Sites Register:
  - Not Vacant – site in use
  - Not suitable – development constraints
  - Not vacant – under construction
  - Not suitable – active file with Derelict Sites Unit
  - Not suitable – below 0.05 hectares
- Sites considered vacant:
  - Notices of Proposed Entry have issued in relation to **201 sites**
  - Notice of Entry have issued in relation to **134 sites**
  - **156** submissions received
  - **69** sites currently on the register - **19** of these in DCC ownership
- Vacant Sites Register update:
  - **65** sites removed from the register, **31** of these entries removed following receipt of notification that the site is under construction.
  - **10** sites have changed ownership since being published on the register
  - **€640,950** paid to date in levies
  - **€1,135,200.00** remains outstanding and will become a charge on the property

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