

**EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 12 OCTOBER 2017**

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**Education and Communities Committee**

**Thursday 12 October 2017 at 3pm**

**Present:** Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, J McEleny (for Curley), Crowther (for MacLeod), McCabe, C McEleny, McVey, Murphy, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor Clocherty presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Legal & Property Services, Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Acting Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Community Safety & Wellbeing Manager, Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer) and Corporate Communications Manager.

**The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.**

**548 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

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(Councillor C McEleny entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Curley, with Councillor J McEleny substituting, and Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Crowther substituting.

Councillors McCabe, C McEleny and McVey declared an interest in agenda item 2 (Service of Demolition Order under the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987).

**It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6, 12 and 13 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**549 Service of Demolition Order – 8 Clune Park Street, Port Glasgow**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to serve a Demolition Order under Sections 120 and 115 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 on the tenement building at 8 Clune Park Street, Port Glasgow. The report advised that all 8 properties within the building are currently the subject of Closing Orders and are all below the tolerable standard as defined by Section 86 of the 1987 Act.

Councillors McCabe, C McEleny and McVey declared a non-financial interest in this item as members of the Board of River Clyde Homes. They also formed the view that the nature of their interest and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the Chamber or their participation in the decision making process.

**Decided:**

(1) that approval be given to the making of a Demolition Order under Sections 120 and 115 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 in respect of the building at 8 Clune Park Street, Port Glasgow; and

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(2) that approval be given to the revocation of the Closing Orders previously made over all 8 properties within 8 Clune Park Street, Port Glasgow.