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Report

Report subject: Land at 1 George Street, Salisbury

Report to: Head of Development Services

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Report Summary:

To update Members regarding compliance with an Untidy Site Notice issued by the Council in respect of the above address.

Introduction:

Members will recall that In February this year, the Council served an Untidy Site Notice requiring that amongst other things an unsightly, recently erected outbuilding be demolished and all the demolition materials as well as other building materials and equipment and other items including sheeting, timber, rubble, plastic and metal pots, containers, paint tins, LPG cylinders, assorted plastic, sanitary fittings, carpet, household furniture and household items, cardboard boxes, paper, household and general waste and shopping trolleys removed from the site.

The Notice was not complied with and Members will also recall that, at the June meeting, the City Area Committee authorised Officers to undertake direct action to secure compliance with the steps required in the Notice.

Update on progress:

Notwithstanding further warnings given, the owner did not comply with the Notice; although he continued to give assurances that the required works would be undertaken. Whilst the roof of the outbuilding was slowly removed during August, building materials, household furniture, building equipment and general waste were deposited in Marsh Lane as a result, increasing the harm to amenity and occasioning further objections.

After final warnings were given, the Council's contractor attended the site on 5th September and took steps to secure compliance with the Notice in default of compliance by, amongst other things, demolishing the outbuilding, removing the demolition materials, sheeting, plastic, household furniture and so on. The cost of undertaking the works will be recovered from the owner by placing a charge on the land.

An investigation by the Council's Building Control Team regarding the adequacy of interior works undertaken by the owner is continuing; however at present the property appears to be uninhabited therefore the stage has not been reached where formal action could be considered pursuant to the Building Act.

Recommendation: That Members note the report