TRAFFORD COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

DATE OF DECISION	28th January 2009	DECISION MAKER
DECISION REFERENCE	E/28.01.09-8	**Executive** (Councillors Colledge, Cornes, Coupe, Holden, J.R. Reilly, Tolhurst, Mrs. Turner, A. Williams, Mrs. S. Williams and M. Young)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

Proposed compulsory purchase of a long term vacant property on Abingdon Road, Urmston

(1) That, having considered all options, the vacant property identified on the plan attached to the report, be compulsorily acquired under section 17 of the Housing Act 1985, followed by sale on the open market for renovation and re-occupation.

(2) That a Compulsory Purchase Order to be known as the 'Borough of Trafford (Abingdon Road, Urmston) Compulsory Purchase Order 2009' be made under the provisions of Section 17 of the Housing Act 1985 in respect of land delineated red on the attached plan.

(3) That the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to do all things necessary to prepare the said order and to submit the same to the Secretary of State for confirmation in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, and thereafter acquire the property.

(4) That the Head of Asset Management be authorised to proceed with the purchase of the property as if the Compulsory Purchase Order has been confirmed, where prudent to do so, and thereafter to negotiate and complete the sale of the property.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

There are reports that the property has been vacant for at least 9 years, during which the Council has received regular complaints from neighbours about the derelict and dangerous state of the property and gardens. More recently, the property has been targeted by vandals and is encouraging anti-social behaviour. The owners of the property have been approached by the council on several occasions, however, despite assurances that the owners intend to start work on the property no action has been taken to date. The covenant will ensure that it is brought back to a good standard of repair and provide much needed residential accommodation in the Urmston area.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The provision of advice and help to bring the property back into use.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY DISPENSATION

None.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

9th February 2009 (Sixth working day after publication, unless called in).

PUBLICATION DATE

30th January 2009

RECORDED BY:

Director of Legal and Democratic Services

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