

## Disposal of Land at MacKenzie Place, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

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### Finance and Resources Committee

25 September 2012

#### Purpose of report

- 1 This report seeks authority to sell an area of Housing Revenue Account (HRA) land at MacKenzie Place, Stockbridge, Edinburgh (the site) by private sale and at market value.

#### Main report

- 2 The site, which is shown hatched diagonally on the attached location plan (see Appendix 1), sits at the western end of a lengthy stretch of HRA land that has lain derelict since the 1960s when the original tenements that were built on it were demolished.
- 3 An application was received from the proprietors of 10/11 MacKenzie Place in January 2009 to acquire the site. The site has an area of 214.3 square metres. Most of the larger area of HRA land has recently been developed by City Centre Neighbourhood Team into a community allotment, following a decision on 25 May 2011 by the Clean and Green Sub Group of the City Centre Neighbourhood Partnership. This positions the site between the allotment and the property, St. Bernard's Cottage, 10/11 MacKenzie Place, Stockbridge, Edinburgh.
- 4 Consultation took place in July 2009 with immediate residents, the City Centre Neighbourhood Office and the then elected Ward Councillors. More recently, the newly elected Ward Councillors have been briefed on this proposal.
- 5 A sale price representing market value has been provisionally agreed for the site. The site will not be exposed for sale on the open market but will be sold by private contract and at market value. The prospective purchasers have indicated that it would be their intention to use the site to increase the size of their existing garden.

#### Financial Implications

- 6 The site will be sold at current market value and will generate a capital receipt for the HRA.

## Equalities Impact

- 7 Consideration has been given to the relevance of the Equalities Act 2010. A pre-assessment has been undertaken in regard to this report and the score has been calculated at 3. Consequently, a full Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

## Environmental Impact

- 8 There are no adverse environmental implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

## Recommendations

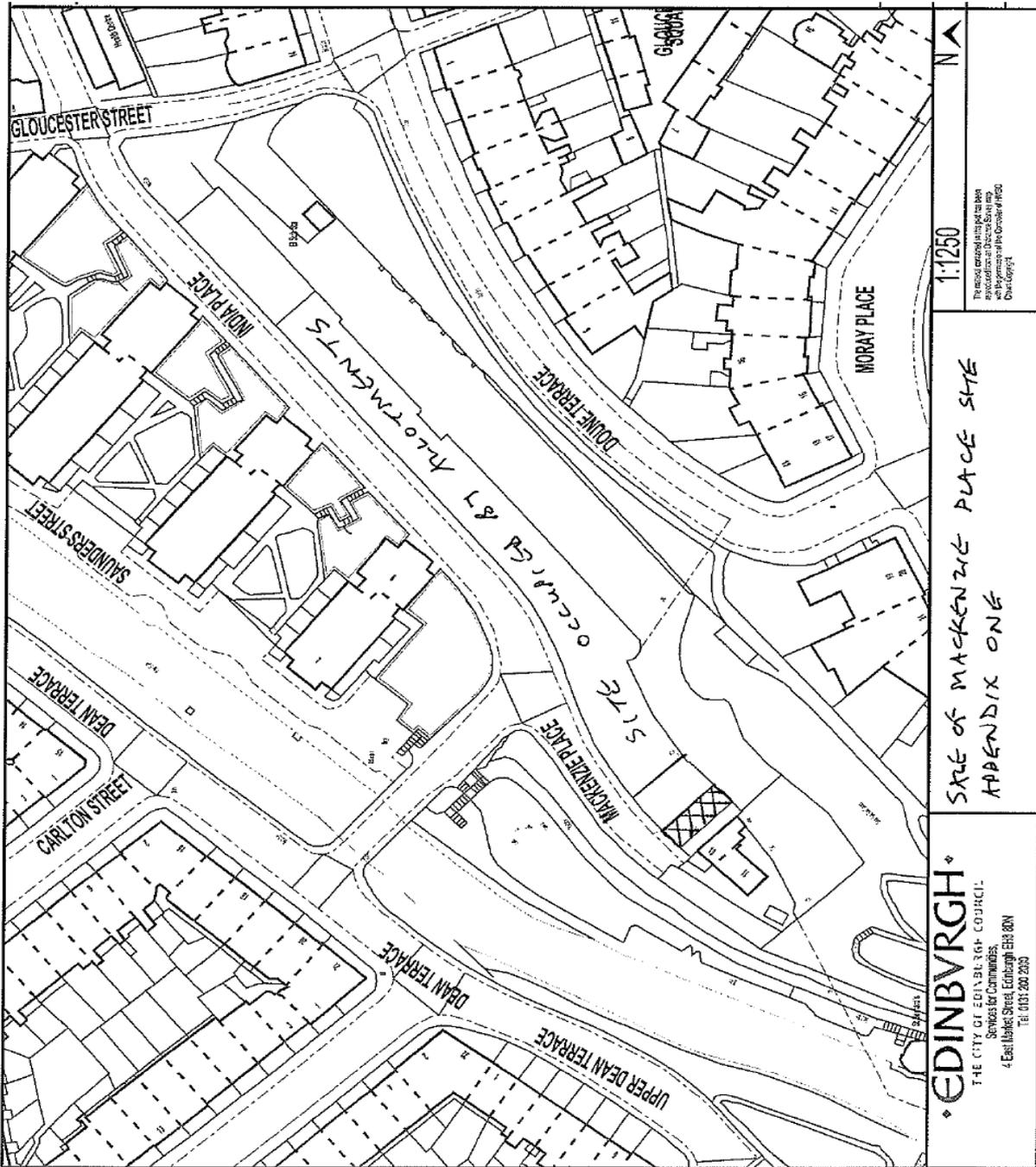
- 9 It is recommended that Finance and Resources committee:
- a) agree the sale of the site by private contract and at market value; and
  - b) grant delegated authority to the Director of Services for Communities to agree detailed terms and conditions of the sale in conjunction with the acting Head of Legal and Administrative Services and in line with the Council's existing Standing Orders.

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Appendices	1. Location plan
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Wards affected	Ward 11 – City Centre
Single Outcome Agreement	4- Edinburgh's communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric
Background Papers	None *

Appendix 1 – Location Plan



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**STATE OF MACKENZIE PLACE SITE  
 APPENDIX ONE**