

EX78. OUTDOOR ACCESS PROJECTS – ACQUISITION OF LAND

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services seeking approval for the promotion of a compulsory purchase order for land between Shieldhill and California should the Council and the land owner fail to reach a negotiated agreement.

Decision

The Executive:-

- 1) instructed officers to continue in their attempts to purchase the land by agreement with the landowner, and
- 2) approved, in the event that officers determine that a voluntary acquisition is unlikely to be achieved, the Council's promotion of a Compulsory Purchase Order in terms of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 over the private interests outlined in the report and subsequent referral to the Scottish Ministers, for the construction of the following project:
 - (i) Footbridge across Polmont Burn to replace collapsed culvert.
 - (ii) Path reinstatement and improvements along Core path 018/686 between Main Street, Shieldhill and Bellsrigg Community Woodland, California.