

**Decision Maker:** Renewal & Recreation Portfolio Holder

**For pre decision scrutiny by the Renewal & Recreation PDS  
Committee on 10 July 2012**

**Date:** 10 July 2012

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

**Title:** 49 Hayes Chase, West Wickham, BR4 0HX  
Untidy Site – Works in Default

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**Chief Officer:** Chief Planner

**Ward:** West Wickham

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1. Reason for report

On 24 May 2012, PSC 2 authorised direct action to clear the site, subject to approval of the Renewal & Recreation portfolio holder

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2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That the quotation of £3,750 be accepted and authority given to enter the land to carry out works in default to clear the site.

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable :
  2. BBB Priority: Quality Environment :
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: : £3,750
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
  3. Budget head/performance centre: N/A
  4. Total current budget for this head: N/A
  5. Source of funding: Officers will endeavour to recover the costs from the owner/occupier of the including attaching an automatic charge against the property if necessary.
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional):
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance:
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected):
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

### **3. COMMENTARY**

- 3.1 On 24 May 2012 a report was submitted to Plans Sub Committee 2 concerning an untidy site at 49 Hayes Chase, West Wickham (copy attached, Appendix 1). The report explains the rationale for dealing with this site by direct action instead of prosecution. Photographs of the condition and appearance of the site are available for inspection on the file.
- 3.2 It was resolved that authority be given for direct action subject to approval by the R& R Portfolio Holder. A quotation of £3,750 has been received for the cost of clearing the site in compliance with the effective S215 Notice.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The estimated cost of the proposed works will be £3,750.
- 5.3 Officers will endeavour to recover from the owner of the land all expenses reasonably incurred by the Council for carrying out the works, including registering a charge against the land if necessary.