

Decision Maker: PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 2

Date: Thursday 1 September 2022

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

Title: DIRECT ACTION - 9 HOLLY CRESCENT, BR3 3DL

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Ward:

1. Reason for decision/report and options

To obtain authority to take Direct Action to tidy rear garden, remove all waste materials including several motor vehicles and bring the land to an acceptable condition.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That Members agree to take direct action to bring the land to an acceptable condition.

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 On 3 February 2016 a complaint was received regarding the untidy rear garden of 9 Holly Crescent.
- 3.2 Following a site visit it was clear that the gardens were overgrown including various paraphernalia and motor vehicles close to the house.
- 3.3 Over a lengthy period of time, efforts were made to engage with the homeowner and his family to bring the site to an acceptable condition. This was unsuccessful and no discernible tidying of the site has been carried out. This resulted in the serving of a S215 untidy site notice.
- 3.4 On 5 January 2022, the homeowner was prosecuted and convicted for failing to comply with the S215 notice.
- 3.5 Since this date no improvement in the property has been made.
- 3.6 Social Services are aware of the health and welfare of the occupant.
- 3.7 The only course of action remaining would be to take direct action and a charge placed on the property, the owner is aware of this course of action, but refuses to engage and comply with the S215 notice.
- 3.8 Three quotations have been obtained between £8,840 to £21,360.