

Derby Centre Townscape Heritage Initiative

SUMMARY

- 1.1 On Thursday 3rd April, 2014, the Derby Centre Townscape Heritage Initiative was launched. This report is to give an overview of the new scheme.

The scheme is funded with over £700,000 from the Heritage Lottery which along with approximately £200,000 from Derby City Council. The scheme is a grant scheme so this will mean that there will be some private investment by the owners of the historic buildings within the eligible area which will bring the total investment in the area to approximately £2 million. The scheme will run for the next 5 years.

The scheme will repair, sympathetically restore and enhance historic features of buildings on Green lane and neighbouring streets. It aims to bring back empty shops into use and help the areas regeneration.

Through this scheme it also aims to improve a small amount of pavements, give advice to businesses within the area and provide training opportunities in traditional skills targeted at students, building owners and contractors. It is also intended to develop local history events to help people appreciate their local area and the opportunity for practical conservation work to be seen in progress by children and young people.

To deliver this scheme the City Council will continue to work closely with Derby's two Business Improvement Districts and the owners and occupiers within the area.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To update Conservation Area Advisory Committee Members on the details of the scheme.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that Conservation Area Advisory Committee Members are aware of the scheme.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Within Appendix 2 there is a copy of a flyer for prospective applicants which outlines the aims of the scheme and provides a map of the area the scheme covers. The area has a number of eighteenth and nineteenth century buildings, including the former Quicksilver building and St Peter's Churchyard.
- 4.2 This scheme aims to build on the success of the Council's previous city centre grant scheme which focussed on streets such as The Wardwick, The Strand and Iron gate and was praised by English Heritage, a key partner of that scheme 'for revitalising entire historic streets'.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 n/a

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	n/a
Financial officer	n/a
Human Resources officer	n/a
Service Director(s)	n/a
Other(s)	n/a

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List of appendices:	Appendix 2 – Flyer and map for the THI Scheme.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 This report is for information only.

Legal

2.1 n/a

Personnel

3.1 n/a

Equalities Impact

4.1 n/a

Health and Safety

5.1 None directly arising from the report.

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 None directly arising from the report.

Asset Management

7.1 None directly arising from the report.

Risk Management

8.1 n/a

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 The project supports current policies.

