

COUNCIL CABINET 14 JUNE 2005

Report of the Director of Development and Cultural Services

Historic Buildings/Conservation Area Grants

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To approve application for Conservation Area grant aid of up to £2113.00 (or 25% of the actual costs, whichever is the lesser) towards the cost of repairs to the roof at 76 Belper Road, subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. Standard conditions
 - 2. New clay roof tiles and ridge tiles to match the existing, to be agreed by the Council's Conservation Officer.
 - 3. The lead flashing to be fit to match the original and to be to Lead Sheet Association standards.
 - 4. No roof vents are to be inserted in the roof slopes.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The offer of grant assistance will ensure that repair works are carried out to a high standard and that they will help to preserve/enhance the special character of the Strutts Park Conservation Area.
- 2.2 The property is a three storey Edwardian semi-detached house located on a corner plot within the Strutts Park Conservation Area. Both the front Belper Road elevation and the side elevation facing Kingston Street are subject to the Article 4 Direction covering this area.
- 2.3 I have now received an application for a grant towards the cost of re-tiling the roof. Competitive estimates have been submitted for the works, the lowest of which amounts to £8,450 including VAT (the applicant is unable to recover VAT). A 25% grant would be £2,113.

For more information

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Background papers:

Appendix 1 – Implications

List of appendices:

None.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1.1 The 2005/06 base budget for historic building grants is £40,000. The projected carry forward request from 2004/05 for historic buildings grants is £5,286, subject to Cabinet approval in the final revenue outturn statement. A further £18,739 which has been committed but not yet paid is to be funded from existing service reserves and carry forward requirement. This particular grant will initially be met from the 2005/06 base budget, of which £44 has been paid, leaving £39,956.

Legal

2.1 The proposals can be funded under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Personnel

3.1 None.

Equalities impact

4.1 None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5.1 The grant aiding of repairs to historic buildings and buildings within Conservation Areas comes under the Council's Objectives of a diverse, healthy and attractive environment and a shared commitment to regenerating our communities.

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