

**TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE SCHEME –
HISTORIC BUILDINGS REPAIR GRANT
36 - 37 FRIAR GATE, DERBY**

Report of the Director of Development and Cultural Services

SUMMARY OF REPORT

1. To consider an application for Townscape Heritage Initiative Grant.
Paragraphs 5.1 – 5.4.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2. None.

RECOMMENDATION

3. The applicant be offered a maximum grant of £15,357.78 towards the cost of additional repairs for phase 1 works to the above property, subject to:
 - i. Signing a Contract for 3rd Party Grants, including conditions required by the Heritage Lottery Fund and to a condition requiring the submission and approval of a further grant application within the next 12 months for a 'second phase' of works to enable the full reuse of Nos. 35, 36 & 37.
 - ii. Precise details of the means of repair work to be agreed with City Council Officers prior to commencing the work.
 - iii. Submission of relevant statutory consent notifications

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

4. The offer of grant assistance will ensure that the restoration of these important historic buildings is carried out to a high standard.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5.1 36-37 Friar Gate form an important part of a three-storey, Grade II listed early 19th century terrace, which is located within the Friar Gate Conservation Area. The buildings are in very poor repair and have been vacant for some time. A phase one THI grant for repair works to 35-37 was recently approved; however, work on site has identified additional essential works as being necessary at this stage to nos. 36 & 37.
- 5.2 I have therefore received an application for a grant under the Townscape Heritage Initiative Scheme towards the cost of additional works required as part of the first phase of repairs to the above historic buildings. A further grant application for a 'second phase' of works will be required to be submitted for the repair and reuse of Nos. 35 –37 and will be a condition of this grant.
- 5.3 The buildings were identified in the Derby Townscape Heritage Initiative Action Plan as being 'target properties' - a priority for grant aid under the scheme. The Action Plan allocated a maximum sum of £122,000 from the THI Common Fund against necessary eligible repairs and reinstatement works to Nos. 35- 39 Friar Gate. £65,183.23 has already been allocated to these properties, which was calculated against full repair works to No 38 and phase one works to Nos. 35-37. The Common Fund comprises a total of £1.5 million derived from 50% HLF contribution and 50% contribution from the City Council.
- 5.4 The estimated additional eligible costs amount to £21,939.68 excluding VAT. Using this estimate, a grant calculated at 70% for eligible repairs will be £15,357.78, or 70% of relevant actual costs, whichever is the lesser.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. A total grant of £15,357.78 from the THI Common Fund will require a 50% City Council contribution of £7,678.88. Provision for the City Council's contribution to the Common Fund has been made for 2002/2003.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7. Local authorities can grant aid the repair of historic buildings under the provisions of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8. None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The grant aiding of repairs to historic buildings accords with the City Council's policy for the environment.

EQUALTIES IMPLICATIONS

10. None.