

**STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Moorlands Partnership Board**

**26 July 2022**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Financial Summary and Proposed Grant Awards</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>Councillor Flunder - Portfolio Holder for Regeneration</b>
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	<b>Joanne Brooks - Regeneration Officer</b>
<b>WARDS INVOLVED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>

**1. Reason for the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Member's approval to allocate grant funding from the Moorlands Partnership Board (MPB) in 2022/23. The budget for this year is £60,000.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 Note the financial summary in 3.1.

- 2.2 Approve a 75% grant of £7,788 (including VAT) at 2 – 4 Tape Street for the repair of traditional sliding sash windows and subject to the following technical conditions:

- All new joinery details match the existing exactly unless otherwise agreed with the Regeneration Officer.
- Colour scheme to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer.

- 2.3 Approve a 75% grant of £2461 (exc of VAT) towards the Upper Tean Heritage Trail. The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:

- All the relevant consents (including listed building consent) if necessary, are obtained by the Parish Council prior to installing the information plaques.
- Details of the design, size and materials of the plaques are approved by the Regeneration Officer prior to manufacture

**3. Executive Summary**

- 3.1 This report allows members to consider applications for environmental enhancement and heritage grants under the MPB for funding toward suitable

projects within the district.

- 3.2 Members will recall that given the impact of the pandemic unallocated funds from 2020/21 were rolled forward to the subsequent 4 years funding of the MPB. This resulted in an enhanced budget of £60,350 in 2021/22 followed by a further 3 years with a £60,000 budget. Members should note however that the usual budget rules apply and there is no ability to carry forward any unused allocation. If members recommend approval of the grant applications on this report then the table below represents the current financial position this year.

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Budget £60,000 2022/23</b>
<b>Grant offers to date:</b>	£11,525
Remaining grants budget	£48,475
<b>Potential grant offers from this report</b>	
2 – 4 Tape Street	£7,788
Upper Tean village trail	£2,461
<b>Remaining grant budget for 202/23</b>	<b>£38,266</b>

- 3.3 Members may recall that after the circulation of a revised grant leaflet and publicity within the local press generated a significant number of grant applications towards the end of the previous financial year for consideration at the Board meeting in March. As a result, the Board offered grants to all acceptable applications, with the overspend (£11,525) being met from this year's budget (2022/23)

#### 4. **How this report links to Corporate Priorities**

- 4.1 This report concerns publicly funding the enhancement, restoration or repair of historic properties or places that are either listed or an identified heritage asset. This, in turn, is related to the Council's corporate aim 3:

- To help create a strong economy by supporting further regeneration of towns and villages.

#### 5. **Alternative Options**

- 5.1 To not approve environmental and heritage grant awards under the Moorlands Partnership Board and not allocate the capital budget of £60,000 set aside for this grant scheme. As a result, the MPB would not be able to continue to financially assist a number of environmental and heritage projects throughout the district and secure the repair, restoration and enhancement of heritage features, places and buildings. NOT RECOMMENDED
- 5.2 To continue to approve environmental and heritage grant awards to suitable projects throughout the district and to ensure the allocation of the budget of £60,000 this year. As a result, the MPB can financially assist with projects that secure the repair, restoration or enhancement of heritage features, places and

buildings and contribute towards the further regeneration of town and villages through Staffordshire Moorlands. RECOMMENDED

## **6. Implications**

- 6.1 Community Safety – No implications at this stage.
- 6.2 Workforce – The Moorlands Partnership Scheme is administered by an officer within the Regeneration Team with assistance when required from the council's Conservation Officer.
- 6.3 Equality and Diversity/ Equality Impact Assessment - No implications at this stage.
- 6.4 Financial considerations - There are allocations within the capital programme for the funding of the Moorlands Partnership scheme.
- 6.5 Legal - Local authorities are empowered to give grants towards improvements in conservation areas under Section 57 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
- 6.6 Climate Change – No Implications at this stage.
- 6.7 Consultation – Grant offers are made in consultation with and approved by the Moorlands Partnership Board. Where required, projects that require planning permission and listed building consent are subject to the normally statutory consultations.

## **Neil Rodgers Executive Director (Place)**

### **Web Links and Background Papers**

### **Location**

### **Contact details**

Joanne Brooks  
Regeneration Officer  
joanne.brooks@highpea  
k.gov.uk

## **7. PROPOSED GRANT AWARDS**

### **7.1 2 - 4 Tape Street, Cheadle**

This property is the former Black Horse Public House. It is located within the Cheadle Conservation Area and is a grade II listed building. The property was built as an inn in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and is relatively well preserved. It occupies a prominent position near its junction with High Street.

An application has been received for the repair and restoration of the existing sliding sash windows.

Two estimates have been received for the works the lowest of which totals £10,384.

### **Recommendations**

7.2 Members of the Board are recommended to approve a 75% grant of £7,778 towards the cost of eligible works (including VAT). The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:

- All new joinery details match the existing exactly unless otherwise agreed with the Regeneration Officer
- Colour scheme to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer

### **7.3 Upper Tean Heritage Trail and Map**

Checkley Parish Council have applied for grant assistance to provide a heritage trail that will encompass the whole of the moorland's village of Upper Tean, surrounding landscape and heritage sites. Subject to owner approval, there will be 10 locations with wall mounted plaques on buildings/places of heritage significance across the village and 2 interpretation panels at the Upper Tean Recreation Ground and one full height board in Well Meadow Gardens.

The heritage trail will be promoted by a map distributed to all households in the village, the parish, and immediate neighbours. The ambition is to inform, engage, educate, and generate on-going interest and encourage the community to venture out to experience their heritage and history. This will also build upon and enhance the activity of the local schools, already engaged in heritage walks around the village. The map would be both paper (printed) and electronic (a pdf - and downloadable). The electronic heritage trail map would be housed on the Parish Council website and be disseminated through Support Staffordshire; Tourist Information (Leek), The Moorlands Federation (schools) as well any other appropriate networks.

A revised application has been submitted which removes the leaflet distribution and printing costs from the grant application. A number of estimates have been received for the works the lowest of which totals £. These are itemised below:

Project management costs	£880
Artwork	£975
Information panels and plaques	£1330
3% Contingency	£96
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>£3281</b>

### **Recommendations**

7.4 Members of the Board are recommended to approve a 75% grant of £2461 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £3281 (exc of VAT). The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:

- All the relevant consents (including listed building consent) if necessary, are obtained by the Parish Council prior to installing the information plaques.
- Details of the design, size and materials of the plaques are approved by the Regeneration Officer prior to manufacture.