

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Moorlands Partnership Board

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TITLE:	Financial Summary and Proposed Grant Awards
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Flunder - Portfolio Holder for Regeneration
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WARDS INVOLVED:	

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 maximum grant of £8,000 (inc VAT) at 71 Derby Street, Leek for the reinstatement of 4 arch topped traditional sliding sash windows and subject to the following technical conditions:

- Planning permission is obtained for the 4 new windows.
- All new joinery details are agreed with the Regeneration Officer by way of a detailed constructional drawing.
- Colour scheme to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer.

- 2.3 Approve a 75% grant of £279 (inc of VAT) towards the installation of a plaque at Endon House, Endon, commemorating the home, life and work of poet TE Hulme.

- The grant will not be paid until the details of the exact location are agreed with the Regeneration Officer and the plaque is erected.

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.

Scheme	Budget £60,000 2022/23
Grant offers to date:	£21,774
Remaining grants budget	£38,226
Potential grant offers from this report	
71 Derby Street, Leek	£8,000
TE Hulme memorial plaque	£279
Remaining grant budget for 202/23	£29,947

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. The current funding position is set out in section 3 above.
- 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.

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Web Links and Background Papers

Location

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7. PROPOSED GRANT AWARDS

7.1 71 Derby Street, Leek

An application has been received for the reinstatement of 4 arch topped sliding sash windows on the first and second floor of the front elevation of a commercial property at Derby Street, Leek. The property is not listed but lies within the Leek Conservation Area and occupies a prominent position at the road junction (A53 and A523) and lying opposite the war memorial. The property is fortunate that it also retains a traditional shopfront.

Over the years the original arch topped sash windows have been replaced with modern casements of a similar style. These are in a poor condition and the owner is keen to reinstate the original pattern. The reinstatement of the sash windows would restore the frontage of the historic and prominent building within the Leek Conservation Area.

Two estimates have been received for the works the lowest of which is £23,016 (inc VAT). This allows for the manufacture of 4 arch topped sliding sash windows, fully painted and fitted with the appropriate scaffolding.

Recommendations

7.2 Members of the Board are recommended to approve a maximum grant £8,000 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £23,016 (inc VAT). The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:

- Planning permission is obtained for the 4 new windows.
- All new joinery details are agreed with the Regeneration Officer by way of a detailed constructional drawing.
- Colour scheme to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer.

T E Hulme memorial plaque

7.3 An application has been received by the owner of Endon Bank who wishes to install a small blue plaque to commemorate the life and work of WW1 war poet T E Hulme, at his former residence of Endon Bank. Some members may recall that the Board previously grant aided a stone memorial to TE Hume at the entrance to the village in 2017. T E Hulme was brought up in Endon Brook before attending St John's College Cambridge. He was one of the most striking and original poets to proceed the First World War and wrote the first modernist poems. He became one of the most renowned war poets serving and dying during the First World War.

This project is supported by Endon with Stanley Parish Council and was initially suggested by 'Endon Stories' - a local history group.

The plaque will be located on the stone boundary wall of Endon House and will be visible from Church Lane and in a key location along the route of a proposed heritage trail throughout the parish. The erection of the plaque will continue to illustrate and publicise the life and work of TE Hulme and his association with the village of Endon and area.

Two estimates for the plaque have been received the lowest of which breaks down as follows:

- Supply painted cast aluminium oval plaque 400 x 300mm - £372 (inc vat)

Recommendations

7.4 Members of the Board are recommended to approve a 75% grant of £279 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £372 (inc VAT). The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:

- The grant will not be paid until the details of the exact location are agreed with the Regeneration Officer and the plaque is erected.