

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Moorlands Partnership Board

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TITLE:	Financial Summary & Proposed Grant Awards
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WARDS INVOLVED:	ALL

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 2023/24. The budget for this year is £60,000.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Note the financial summary in 3.2.

- 2.2 Members of the Board are recommended to approve a maximum grant £8,000 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £12,310 (exc VAT) for the reinstatement of traditional sash windows and door at Endon Station. The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:

- Exact details of all joinery details and opening mechanism to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer prior to manufacture.
- Decoration scheme/paint colour to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer.

- 2.3 Members of the Board are recommended to approve a grant of £1,200 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £1,600 (VAT not applicable) for works at Endon Station for the reinstatement of missing doors and noticeboard repairs. The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:

- Exact details of the new doors to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer prior to manufacture.
- Decoration scheme/paint colour to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer.

2.4 Members of the Board are recommended to approve a maximum grant of £8,000 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £26,582 (VAT NA) to restore the signal box at Cheddleton Station. The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:

- Samples of all new materials to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer
- Decoration scheme to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer.

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 all the grant applications on this report then the table below represents the current financial position.

Scheme	Budget £60,000 2023/24
Grant offers to date:	£2,827
Remaining grants budget	£57,173
Potential grant offers from this report	
Endon Station windows/door	£8,000
Endon Station gates/noticeboard	£1,200
Cheddleton Station	£8,000
Total of potential grant offers from this report	£17,200
Remaining Allocation for 2023/24	£39,973

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 ENDON STATION REPLACEMENT WINDOWS AND DOOR

An application has been received from Endon Parish Council to reinstate traditional timber sash windows and door to the station building at Endon. The building is neither listed or falls within the conservation area. However, the building, erected in 1867, has a prominence on the approach to Endon from Stanley Village and is considered to be a non designated heritage asset. There is a great deal of support and enthusiasm to restore its heritage value and the restoration of the windows and door forms part of a wider programme of works to enhance the platform and restore/reinstate traditional railway features. This programme of works has received support from the Parish Council and the wider community.

The building is currently used as a café and both the Parish Council and the current tenants are supportive of any heritage improvements which will enhance the status of the building and help support the business.

The proposed works consists of the following:

- Remove modern upvc windows and reinstate traditional sliding sash windows with a painted finish.
- Remove modern upvc door and reinstate traditional timber painted door.
- Reinstall missing window sill

The applicant has received 3 estimates for the works all of which are above £10,000 and therefore the applicant will be subject to a maximum grant of £8,000 (75%).

Recommendations

7.2 Members of the Board are recommended to approve a maximum grant £8,000 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £12,310 (exc VAT). The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:

- Exact details of all joinery details and opening mechanism to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer prior to manufacture.
- Decoration scheme/paint colour to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer.

7.3 ENDON STATION GATES AND NOTICEBOARD

An application has been received from Endon and Stanley Action Group to reinstate and repair historic railway building features at Endon Station. The building is neither listed or falls within the conservation area. However, the building, erected in 1867, has a prominence on the approach to Endon from Stanley Village and is considered to be a non designated heritage asset.

There is a great deal of support and enthusiasm to restore its heritage value and the reinstatement and repair of historic railway building features forms part of a wider programme of works to enhance the platform and restore traditional joinery details to the station building. This programme of works has received support from the Parish Council and the wider community through the Endon and Stanley Action Group.

The building is currently used as a café and both the Parish Council and the current tenants are supportive of any heritage improvements which will enhance the status of the building and help support the business.

The proposed works consist of the following:

- Repair existing railway notice board and decorate in traditional colours.
- Reinststate timber side hung doors that have been removed in the 1960's when the opening to the storeroom was bricked up. This is unsightly and false doors have been designed to reinststate its original appearance.

The applicant has submitted two estimates for the works the lowest of which totals £1,600. Grants are offered at a rate of 75%. A grant would total £1,200

7.4 Members of the Board are recommended to approve a grant of £1,200 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £1,600 (VAT not applicable). The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:

- Exact details of the new doors to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer prior to manufacture.
- Decoration scheme/paint colour to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer.

7.5 **CHEDDLETON STATION RELOCATION OF SIGNAL BOX**

Churnet Valley Railway have submitted a grant application to restore and re locate a North Staffordshire Railway signal box at Cheddleton Station - Basford Bridge Lane Level Crossing. This is on the site of the original signal box that was demolished in the 1950's.

The project involves the reinstatement of foundations and a brick lower storey for an original wooden North Staffordshire Railway signal box that is currently in the shunting yard at Cheddleton Station. Whilst the wooden structure is not the original one from the crossing it is of the same design and was originally on another North Staffordshire Railway branch line. The proposals consist of the following:

- Dig out the remnants of the original site of the box to insert concrete foundations and floor for the lower section of the signal box.
- A ground floor structure of blocks clad with reclaimed Staffordshire Blue facing bricks will replicate the original brick structure. This will then be topped off with new or reclaimed blue plinth bricks.

- The existing wooden structure will be refurbished and placed on top of the brick structure (again replicating the original).

Two estimates have been received for the works the lowest of which totals £26,582. Grants are offered at a rate of 75% and capped at £8,000.

7.6 Members of the Board are recommended to approve a maximum grant of £8,000 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £26,582 (VAT NA). The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:

- Samples of all new materials to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer
- Decoration scheme to be agreed with the Regeneration Officer.