

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Moorlands Partnership Board
8th Nov 2017**

TITLE:	Approval of Projects
OFFICER:	Executive Director

1. Reason for the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek members' approval to allocate grant funding from the Moorlands Partnership Board (MPB). At the last meeting the entire budget was allocated to projects in Leek and Biddulph. In view of this, the MPB cannot consider any further requests for grant funding this financial year.

1.2 Despite this, and subject to members' approval, there may well be a possible withdrawal and reallocation of a £4,000 grant from St Edwards Summer Houses. In conjunction, there has been a request for additional funding against the repair of High Street House in Leek.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That members consider the request for additional funding against the repair of High Street House, Leek. Any grant award against this project will have to be met from the reallocation of grant monies allocated towards St Edwards Summer Houses.

3. Summary

3.1 This report allows members to consider applications for Environmental Enhancement Grants for funding toward projects within the district.

4. Report

4.1 High Street House, Leek

In March 2016, a maximum grant of £4,000 was awarded to the repair of High Street House, Leek. The original cost of works was estimated at £11,747. This allowed for the repair of 3 curved glass timber framed windows at the first floor and the reinstatement of missing balustrading at first and second floor.

The job is currently on site and the erection of the scaffolding has allowed for better inspection of the building. The additional following grant eligible works have been carried out:-

- Renew all render panels to the 3 first floor bay windows to match;
- Decorate the first and second floor frontage including windows, render panels and soffits;
- Erect additional high level scaffolding and repoint in lime mortar 4 brick chimney stacks;
- Leadwork repairs;
- Repairs to second floor windows.

The revised cost of the works is now £22,920.96 (inc VAT). Due to the price increase, the owner of the property has requested an increase in grant funding.

Officers have been inspecting the work on a weekly basis and recognise that the scope of works is in excess of what was originally quoted for. However, there is no obligation for the MPB to increase the grant over and above the original offer of £4,000. However, given the prominence and architectural style of the building its restoration will have a significant impact on St Edwards Street. With this in mind, Officers would recommend an increase in grant by £2,000.

Members are requested to consider the request for additional funding and that, if approved, this be met from the reallocation of grant aid from St Edward's summer houses.

5 Implications

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| 5.1 | Community Safety: | Nil. |
| 5.2 | Workforce: | Nil. |
| 5.3 | Equality and Diversity | This report has been compiled in accordance with the Council's Diversity and Equality Policies. |
| 5.4 | Financial: | Any funding approvals will be financed from the Partnership's existing allocated budget. |
| 5.5 | Legal: | Nil. |
| 5.6 | Sustainability: | The repair and reuse of historic buildings contributes significantly to sustainability. |

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Background Papers

Project Applications
File 6366

Location

Regeneration Services.

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Decision:

Reason:

Interests Declared: