

**Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund – Keele War Memorial (Ref: 14/15005/HBG)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**That a grant of £237 be approved for the repair and repointing of the stonework plinth at the war memorial, subject to the appropriate standard conditions.**

**Purpose of report**

To enable members to consider an application for financial assistance towards the cost of the repair and repointing of the War Memorial at Keele which is a Grade II Listed Building.

The War Memorial was added to the Statutory Listed of buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest in 2002. Situated close to the church in the form of a market cross it was erected in 1920 and is considered a good example of a First World War memorial.

The cross base is constructed of sandstone and is in need of some minor repair work and repointing. The base of the memorial will be repaired by raking out the hard mortar and repointing with lime:sand mix. A minor resin stone repair to the side of the memorial will also be undertaken.

Two competitive tenders have been obtained and the lowest quotation for the works, including VAT is £1,184. The sum allowed for this type of building/structure under the grant scheme is 20% which equates to £237. The maximum grant which can be offered under the Conservation and Heritage Fund is £5,000.

The views of the Conservation Advisory Working Party will be reported to the Planning Committee.

**Financial Implications**

There is sufficient funding to meet this grant application with approximately £15,200 in the Fund, allowing for commitments.