

Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund

Ebenezer House, Ryecroft, Newcastle (Ref: 16/17002/HBG)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following grant is approved:-

£725 for the replacement window at Ebenezer House, Ryecroft, Newcastle, subject to the appropriate standard conditions

Purpose of report

To enable members to consider this application for financial assistance.

The building which is now used as an office was originally a Methodist Chapel. Now converted to an office, the statutory listing of the building as a Grade II Listed Building of special architectural or historic interest describes the interior as mostly altered. The windows are massive, none of them stay open and they are currently propped open with bricks and wood to allow some fresh air in, which is not considered satisfactory.

The company are considering replacing all 14 large windows in the main body of the former chapel 'like for like' including glazing bar and rail details, single glazed with sash cords. However, this proposal is to replace one side (rear) window which is suffering from decay with a 'like for like' replacement.

The total cost of the works is estimated at £3,624.00 including VAT. The works are eligible for grant up to 20% of the total cost.

The Conservation Advisory Working Party has considered this request and recommend to the Planning Committee that this grant is approved.

Financial Implications

There is sufficient funding to meet this grant application with £34,000 in the Fund allowing for commitments.