

Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund – Ebenezer House, Ryecroft, Newcastle (Ref: 16/17002/HBG)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Working Party indicate its views on proposals going to the Planning Committee that:-

A grant of £725 be approved for the replacement window at Ebenezer House, Ryecroft, Newcastle, subject to the appropriate standard conditions

Purpose of report

To inform the Working Party of an application for financial assistance towards the cost of the repair of a window on the Grade II Listed Building and give the Working Party an opportunity to express its views on that application.

The building which is now used as an office was originally a Methodist Chapel. Now converted to an office, the listing describes the interior as mostly altered. The windows are massive and none of them stay open and 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 work is estimated at £3,624.00 including VAT. The works are eligible for grant up to 20% of the total cost and the maximum grant that can be awarded 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 £34,000 in the Fund allowing for commitments.